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As a Tory-led committee of MPs rejects a ban on hand guns, anger grows North of the border

'Telling Scotland to get stuffed'

"This report has been a waste of public money." Steve Birnie, father of Matthew, six, injured at Dunblane

"It is an insult to the children, the teacher who died and the people of Dunblane." Eileen Harild, teacher,

badly hurt at Dunblane. "The legitimate need to possess weapons over .22 calibre is

something we question." James Sharples, ACPO chairman.

"There are some people holding firearms certificates that occasionally are going to go crazy and engage in mass killing." Fred Broughton, Police Federation chairman:

"I'm very upset at being characterised as some sort of mass murderer as some newspapers are trying to do." Walter Sweeney, Tory committee member

"They are talking out of the back of their heads." Sir Ivan Lawrence. committee chairman, on

judgment on behalf of the shooting community." lan McConchie, general secretary of the National

Pistol Association

"A commonsense



The Conservative rebuff to gun reform despite the Dunblane killings has touched a nerve in Scotland. Ed Vulliamy reports from Glasgow on a sense of national affront that is growing.

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Left say they say here, of the city centre bustle gives way to a menacing terrain of low rise lego-brick housing and industrial wasteland to Sixty per cent of all Scottish crime involving firearms occurs in Strathclyde, and 85

per cent of all armed rob-beries in Scotland happen In the gun armistice that followed Dumblane, this area coughed up the biggest haul in Britain: more than 300 weapons, including a Kalashikov and a Browning naval nachine gun. Chief Constable eslie Sharp talks about a "bottomless pit of firearms which criminals can hire, steal or borrow". Most people in the New Monaco bar come from two comfortless blocks where it is strange to find the slogan "ban handguns now" painted where one might normally expect "fuck the Pope"

or "Celts rule" But rightly or wrongly there is a deeply held senti-ment that, as James McIntyre puts it "If those wee children were killed in Cambridge or Eton, then you bet they'd be worried about taking the flak from the parents. But it's just Scotland belly-aching again, so it's 'okay chaps, hold on'."
Old Gordon Ross and his wife Rosalind are trying to decide in which bookmakers to spend the 13 they have ear-

"This place is full of bloody guns," says Gordon. "Any fool can get what he wants round here with a gun, I don't know if they're legal or ille-gal, and I don't care, we're

"I don't know who these people are down in London," says Rosalind, "but they're not wanted here no more if anger, ran a headline saying they won't do something. I

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shootings recently, gang-related, they say.

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blane school cut through even the hardest of skins in Scot-land, slicing a raw nerve, and

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ban and yesterday's rebuff of gun control have cut through the debates over law and order and morality to make handguns a distinctly Scottish issue, in defiance of Westminster. dered at Dunblane school, said gun control could be-

the camel's back" in Scotland. "Dunblane is in Scotland," says Alan Cathcart, putting down his pool cue in the New Monaco. "It's just up the road. And the fact remains that six Tory twerps from England told those poor mums and dads up there to get stuffed. You can say what you like that's telling Scotland to get

stuffed." from the fruit machine to rest on the sticky seat in the stickier heat. "Nothing happened here as had as what happened to the bairns up in that town," she spits, "But I tell you there's enough crazy folk around here as would do it if Tory six.

The Record's political editor, Tom Brown, says: "There is a Scottish element that is being ignored — the Dunblane families for a start, large of monuments to Scotter and the start and the star overridden, cut out. What people have tended to forget is the sense of community here. Everyone looked on

ing onslaught over gun con-trol: the Secretary of State for Scotland, Michael Forsyth whose constituency includes Dunblane. "He has come back, he is popular and has done well," says Mr Brown, but now he may well have lost his seat over this issue."

It is remarkable how

quickly one leaves Glasgow Austin

YOU ARE SURROUNDED. THROW OUT YOUR GUN LICENCE. come "the straw that breaks

Eve Petrie takes a break

they had the chance." The Daily Record news-paper, which has both reflected and generated the anger, ran a headline saying "Traitors!" after it broke the mean shooting wee bairns. If news of the defiance of the that doesn't make a differ. Dunblane families by the Bannockburn, Jacobite hide-

outs and now Dunblane. The election of a Conserva tive makes the sedate centre of Stirling the heart of that little which remains loyal to the Government in Scotland a springboard for the recently men took their guns out into the hills for a different kind of shooting. The people who, Dr North said, "seem, incredibly, to have sided with the thugs".

The Barnton Bistro in Stir-ling couldn't be much further Glasgow, but there is a strand that links the grime of the Monaco's preparations for Live Music Nite to the cool mists wrapping the Wallace

"Dupblane has come to be a very Scottish tragedy, as well as everything else," says George Reece, builders merchant from Bannockburn over cappuccino and tuna with lemon mayonnaise."For edy for the families and victims. But the sheer arrogance of the politicians has made it Scottish, and I wonder if that arrogance won't be the last straw for Scotland."

A-level success may bring shake-up

All power grows . . . in Strathclyde a gun can be hired for £50

John Carvei Education Editor

INISTERS are considering a manifesto pledge to change the examination board system after a further sharp improvement in the A level pass rate, due to be announced tomorrow. One option might be to amalgamate the four English boards to dispel fears of head teachers choosing boards likely to give the highest

The proportion of passes at grade E or above is under-stood to have increased from 84.1 per cent in 1995 to almost 86 per cent this year.
Although A level results

have shown a consistent annual improvement, the rise this time is so far above average that some universities may be embarrassed by too many students meeting the grade for a guaranteed place. There was concern last night

The Government is planning a propaganda offensive tomorrow to counter allega-tions from the Tory right that the higher pass rate has been caused by a devaluation of the A level "gold standard". Gillian Shephard, the Edu-

cation and Employment Sec-retary, has decided that duty ministers should pour scorn on the "moaning minnies" who refuse to take the better results at face value as a reflection of rising standards. "It is about time these doom and gloom merchants shut up and recognised the achievement of the candi-dates and of the parents and teachers who have supported them. This is the culmination of two years of hard work and we should be celebrating the

better results, not whingeing," said one official. However, Mrs Shephard is understood to recognise that

that at least one medical the annual round of criticism school could be seriously about falling exam standards about falling exam standards is unlikely to be quelled. Once the results season has passed, she is expected to resume active consideration of proposals to change the examina-tion boards to remove suspi-cion that they might have a

vested interest in lowering

There are four exam boards setting and marking A level papers in England. Although the system is monitored closely by the Government's curriculum advisers, it has been hard to dispel the suspicion that head teachers may be tempted to choose the board which offers the best prospect of the highest pass grades.

Options to be considered by ministers are likely to in-clude amalgamation of the English boards to eliminate the possibility of competitive

ning the equivalent exam sys-tem in Scotland. George Turnbull, a spokes-

an for the Southern Exam ining Group, said it was hard to imagine how a government committed to increasing choice could justify "national-ising" the boards.

An alternative reform would give the School Curric-ulum Assessment Authority a statutory power to control the A level syllabus and give directions to the boards over exams, similar to its existing powers over GCSK.
This was envisaged in the 988 Education Act, but never

implemented because of draft-ing errors which would have given the Government power to interfere with professional qualifications in fields such as banking. Proposals would not be introduced in this Parliament and are expected to form part of a manifesto com-mitment to reform academic devaluation of standards. and vocational qualifications There is only one board run- for candidates aged 16 to 19.

'Violent' man sought after vicar is stabbed to death in churchyard

David Ward

DETECTIVES on Mersey-side last night named a "very violent" man they want to question after a vicar was tabbed to death in his

The Rev Christopher Gray, in charge of the Liverpool inner-city parish of St Marga-ret's, Antield, was found early rday by neighbours as he lay dying outside his

Mr Gray, aged 32, was or-dained four years ago by the Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Rev David Sheppard, who later appointed him the diocese's evangelism officer. Dr Sheppard yesterday described him as one of the most able priests of his generation and said he would probably have

become a bishop

stole her car to make his

escape.
Police said they were hunting Terence Peter Storey, aged 31, whom Mr. Gray had been advising following his release from Liverpool's Wal-ton prison last December. Detective Chief Inspector

Elmore Davies, who is leading the murder inquiry, said he was naming Storey

He described it as a "completely unprovoked attack on a well respected. God-fearing man, well known in the He said Storey had

addresses in Speke, Liver-pool, and Wallasey, Wirral, and it was likely that he would approach friends and ask them to hide him or pro-vide him with money. "He is a man whom we

Police said the attacker know well and he has a very later forced his way into a violent past. We need to speak neighbouring house, held a to him and also to warn the woman at knifepoint, and turn to page 3, column I turn to page 3, column 1

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Sketch

Mr Bean sweetens Republican hopes



Peter Preston

OULD you like a jelly-bean? Every time I pass the Ronald Reagan Library stand in the convention emporium, a nice lady gives me another packet. And I keep passing the stand, because it is fascinating.

There is every autobiogra-phy (his and hers) on sale. There are pictures of Ronnie with Gorby and King Hussein and, right at the back, Margaret Thatcher. But the videos draw the crowd. The old wizard telling his Irish visit joke, or his golfer and anthill joke, or his priest who got into bed with the wrong woman joke. And the Republican delegates clustered round the screen. hour after hour, laugh along. moist-eyed.

A few years ago, I was wan-dering through the Army and Navy store in Victoria. Shuffling by the shirt counter went an elderly couple: she holding his arm, he slow and tottery and staring. Nobody helped them. Nobody opened doors. Nobody paid a moment's court, or even notice. Exit Harold Wilson, four times prime minister of Great Britain, and

his Mary of better or worse. America may be a rougher, tougher society: but they sure treat their retired politicians well. When you win an elec-Once a governor always a governor. When you lose or fade. a sweet cloud of cloying benediction drops on your head. At the Richard Nixon Library stand, there are no videos, but you can get your photograph taken between cardboard cut-outs of Nixon

and Elvis at their "world famous meeting". Would the Tories allow a Neville Chamberlain ("Smile over Adolf's shoulder and wave that famous letter on a timeless photo of your own") or Anthony Eden stand within a hundred miles of Bournemouth, Brighton or Black-pool? Do they, indeed, want to

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Review

Stravinsky Day The Proms, Albert Hall

T WAS the first time in the

a single day had been de-

and the 25th anniversary of the death of Igor Stravinsky

ended around 11pm — with Andrew Parrott conducting

the Taverner Choir and the Birmingham Contemporary

Music Group in a rapt and contained account of the 1948 Mass — there was the real sense of a pilgrimage

completed.
But it had all begun rather uncertainly seven hours ear-

lier with a semi-staging (movement, costumes but no

scenery) of The Soldier's Tale.

With narrator, dancers and in-

strumentalists spread around the arena, and the promenad-

have launched the celebration in a lively and colourful way.

But the flatness of the produc-

tion — over-choreographed by Oliver Hindle with members

of Birmingham Royal Ballet-

and the tepid and under-characterised account of the score

from the group under Daniel Harding drained most of the

earthy vigour. The Soldier's Tale was the

best known work in the day,

which otherwise steered clear

of standard-repertory Stravinsky. Oliver Knussen's su-

perbly prepared programme with the BBC Symphony Or-

chestra juxtaposed middle and late works, and generated the

Derek Malcolm

every Thursday in

The Guardian

releases

reviews the latest film

ers exiled to what is usually the concert platform, it should

this year provided the perfect

voted to a single composer.

excuse for such a tribute. By the time the final concer-

Proms that three concerts in

see any of their erstwhile best-beloved ever again? Gerald Ford not only looks

like Jack Benny, but sounds like him. "We don't have a Ford or a Lincoln in the White House or a Lincoln in the White House today. What we have is a convertible Dodge." George Bush flaps and whines, but they roar when he iniroduces "the most popular woman in America." Enter Barbara Bush, dressed like the Queen Mum and walking like John Wayne.

They're not very tactile in the Bush family: George senior handles his wife like a fragile chamber not, and when

fragile chamber pot, and when George junior introduces his wife, Laura, they shake hands.

But Ronnie is the big one. He was, they keep saying, the American Dream. He ran the Republican's Camelot saloon. He is, when you read the script of "honesty" and "integrity", their Back to the Future. He has tragically for-gotten them, but they will not forget him. Jack Kemp, on soft-centre

video, calls Reagan "the last lion of the twentieth century Billy Graham calls him "a national grandfather". We're invited to weep a little as he and Nancy amble away into the sunset. And Nancy arrives in person, with more tears, to tell us he is still the eternal optimist. "He still sees that shining city on the hill".

Ronald Reagan is different. He is Californian gold. But deference and the appearance of love follow all of them. The goofy ones, the crooked ones, the ones who had trouble thinking and chewing gum at the same time. They become monuments.

The real difficulty here, per-haps, is making sure Bob Dole doesn't turn Memorial Library before he is elected. Bush looks sprauncier. Ford looks quite as awake.

"My name", says an unpre possessing voice from the po-dium, "is Sem Brownback. I'm a farm boy from Parker. Kansas, and I'm running for Bob Dole's seat in the US Sen ate. These are mighty big shoes to fill. They're size 25 shoes even Michael Jordan

Apparently "Kansans, like Dwight Eisenhower and Bob Dole, embody the spirit of Kansas." Now that would be a

Powell helps moderates win

vinsky's profound and some-times disconcertingly roman-

tic 1928 evocation of Tchai-kovsky, Knussen showed that

the ballet can work on its own

terms, and that the shifts of

style — warm, luxuriant mel-odies culled from Tchaikov-

sky songs often driven to cli-

maxes in uncompromising neoclassical fashion — can be

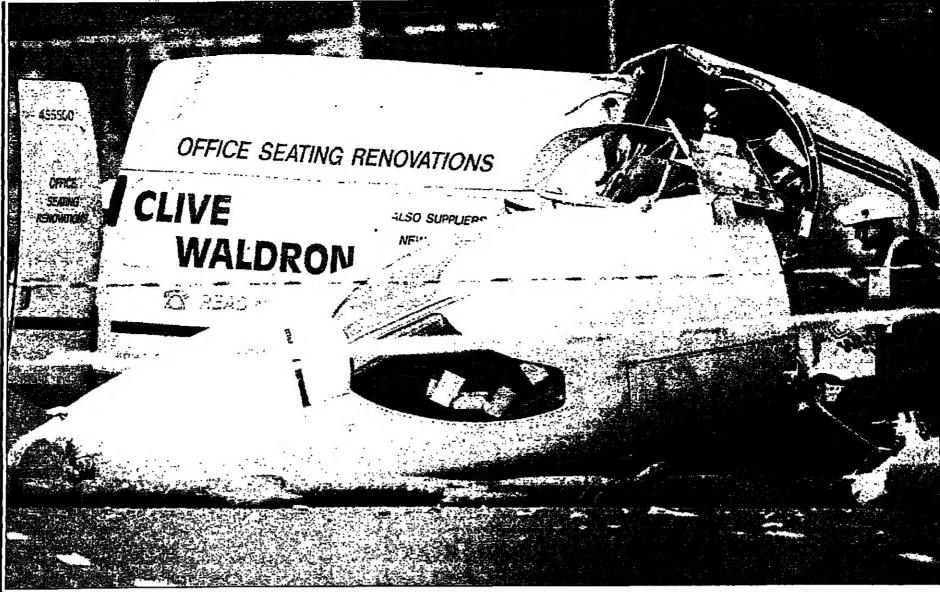
ist — was sandwiched be-tween the Cantata on English

Texts and the Mass. If it made

for a rather restrained and

rott's performances always pointed up the beauty of Stra-

vinsky's choral writing. This review appeared in



A fireman examines the wreckage of the Spanish jet which collided with a van on the A40(M) next to Northolt airfield after crashing through the perimeter fence PHOTOGRAPH DAN CHARGE

Miracle escapes as plane skids on to motorway

N EXECUTIVE jet land-ing at RAF Northolt yesterday morning overshot the runway and fin-ished up on a motorway, colliding with a transit van.

the plane all escaped serious | Creatures, sequel to A Fish | salesman when his Ford | were discharged from Hilling-injury. The plane broke in | Called Wanda. Miss Hogan, a | Transit was in collision with | don hospital with similar half on impact, scattering | former model and researcher | the plane at an estimated | broke his nose in the crash half on impact, scattering wreckage all over the A40(M) in north-west London.

The Learjet, which had arrived from Palma in Majorca, was carrying actress Lisa Fire brigade officers said it was remarkable that the van flying to Pinewood studios for work on John Cleese's Fierce Hogan and two Spanish pi-

Productions, plays the assistant to a sea-lion keeper played by Ronnie Corbett in the film which stars Kevin Kline, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Palin.

Gary Jewel, aged 33, was on his duties as an upholstery

wreckage.

Mr Jewel, a father of two from Reading, suffered only cuts and bruises. He was taken to hospital in Raling but was released last night.

Officers of the Air Accidents Investigation Branch arrived at the RAF base, which is often used by politicians, to start an inquiry into medic, said: 'The plane was like paper — it had just folded The two pilots were trapped in the cockpit but were okay and we managed to free them fairly quickly. The woman passenger had already climbed out of the window

French raid hardens hunger strikers

On the 40th day of their fast, the Africans of St Bernard's Church are 'ready to die' for residence permits, as wider support grows

aged 34, had not intended to die in France. He arrived six years ago on a renewable visa and planned to work, save, and eventually return to Mauritania. Yesterday, the prospect of dying in France became more real, as he and nine others marked the 40th day of a hunger strike.

The 10 men, who with more than 100 other people are occupying Saint Bernard's Church in northern Paris, say they have nothing to lose.
"Sleeping here, reading newspapers and drinking sweet tea, is a lot better than being sent back to Africa," said Mr

Kamara, lying in a corn-blue sleeping bag alongside the other hunger strikers.

The Africans of Saint Berknown, want the government to give them 10-year residence permits. Each arrived up to 10 years ago and routinely mit. They worked, paid social security contributions and tax. Many got married and had children. Then the law changed in 1994 and they were classed as illegal

The French government has reacted in a heavyhanded fashion to the occupariot police were ordered to storm the church and take the hunger strikers to hospital "on humanitarian grounds".

Mr Kamara said he was "carried out like a corpse. We were all taken to different hospitals and examined, which was really stupid since we are under constant supervision by volunteer doctors from Médecins du Monde. We had worked out in ad-

vance what to do and we all easily make enough tea for came back to the church to resume our hunger strike."

He returned barefooted the need a huge saucepan to boil police had neglected to take

He said the dawn raid had increased his resolve. "It is hard to sleep, and we get anxious in the night but we know now that all of France has heard about our plight. If I die doing this, my life will not have been wasted. Besides, it is a lot less frightening, being in a church with others, than hiding away alone.

Since the raid, the Africans of Saint Bernard have become famous, and intellectuals all over France are cutting short their holidays to express support. A handful were expec to join the protest last night.

Between calls on his mobile phone. Diope Boubacar was trying to make the tea. An unemployed Senegalese com-puter technicism, aged 29, he is not on hunger strike but in charge of logistics at the neo-Gothic church. here, we shall go to another place. Any of us who are expelled will quickly be "A few days ago, you could

car, who is married to a Sene-galese woman and has a daughter, aged two, who was born in France. Under the 1994 law, he and his wife may be expelled with

their daughter, who will not be entitled to French nationality until she is aged 16. But Mr Boubacar, who has been in France for eight years, is confident the authorities will not touch him while he is at Saint Bernard.

With the support of the per-ish priest, who continues to say mass every evening in the chapel, Mr Bouhacar has rearranged the church. Chairs have been stacked around the altar and every side chapel has its use, as a food store, a sleeping area or a work space for making banners. The con-fessional houses stacks of

less tonar incurses season clean clothes.

In a cooking area at the back of the church, women with bright African-print headscarves prepare food and provide sweet tea for the hunger strikers.

In the courtyard outside, half a dozen children play, having discovered a catchy hopscotch rhythm in the pro-testers' slogan — "sans pa-piers, so-li-da-ri-té" (solidar-ity for those without papers). The mainly Muslim neigh-bourhood has been support ive, Mr Bouhacar said. "The priest here has got together with the Imams to raise money for us. We need about Fr1,500 a day (£185) to buy food, tea and nappies for the children. We are getting quite a lot of financial support from

Conceding that the protest-ers cannot stay at Saint Bernard forever, Mr Boubacar said: "When we have to leave

replaced by others."
In March, 300 Africans mainly from Mali — occupied Saint Ambroise Church in central Paris. When they were moved on, they found

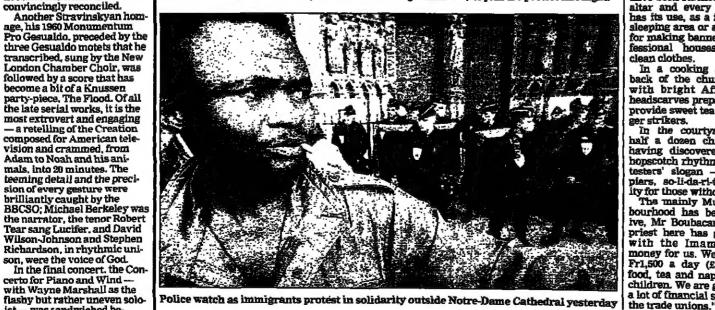
later in a theatre.
The Saint Ambroise protest
also inspired others in France, where human rights lobbyists claim up to 250,000 people face expulsion under the 1994 laws. Seventeen buildings are currently occupied throughout the country, and in Tours and Le Havre. protesters are on hunger

The interior minister, Jean-

mediation committee set up by the Africans. Instead, he announced amid a fanfare last week that expulsions would increase, and that the interior ministry would charter three planes a month to remove illegal immigrants. Stéphane Hessel, a former

ambassador who heads the committee, said: "We have asked the government to look at the applications, case by case, and have even agreed to help by suggesting criteria for

residency.
"The current situation favours nobody. The protesters have nothing to lose and feel safer in numbers. Mr Debré is looking increasingly stupid while believing he is acting tough."



Arm of the law wrongfoots warden

Vivek Chaudhary

HE traffic warden was only doing his job. There again, the policeman was only doing what every motor-ist has thought of at one time

An offical complaint has been made to the Metropolitan Police after a traffic warden was handcuffed and frogmarched to a police station for attempting to issue a parking ticket to a van parked near Buckingham Palace.

The warden, who is not being named and is on sick leave, was told by a police-man to ignore the vehicle, which was parked on double yellow lines. When he in-

obstructing police.

The incident took place at

runs alongside the palace.

A spokesman for Westminster city council said: "The
man was distressed and visibly shaken. He had been try-ing to issue a ticket to a van which was illegally parked on double yellow lines where un-loading is not allowed in an area where police have asked us to be vigilant about this

sort of thing.
"He did not offer any resistance but the handcuffs were not removed. The warden was just carrying out his normal enforcement duties. The

sisted on issuing the ticket, | lieves the policeman's action | wardens were suspended he was promptly arrested for | was extreme." | after putting a ticket on a was extreme."
A spokesman for Scotland

Yard said that the warden Buckingham Gate, which was given a formal warning and released without further

But his valiant attempt to do his duty pales into insig-nificance when compared with the zeal of some other traffic wardens. In February, a warden in

east London issued a parking ticket to a hearse parked outside a funeral parlour. De-spite the fact that a crowd of people had gathered to register their protest, the warden insisted that he could not make an exception for the

Last year, two Italian traffic

after putting a ticket on a lorry that had a dead man in it. The parking fine was cancelled after the body was discovered.

A traffic warden was once asked to give evidence at a robbery trial after issuing the getaway vehicle, which was parked outside a bank, with a parking ticket. And last year, an Oxford vicar with two artificial legs

returned to his car last year to find that it had a parking ticket on it. He had left a note on the dashboard pleading: "Have pity — wooden leg." The war-den left her own note after

issuing the ticket: "No pity

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New offer fuels row on abortion

anti-abortion charity Life reopened the debate on the cash value of multiple pregnancies yesterday when it acknowledged it was con-sidering funding a £15,000

sidering initing a £15,000 house extension for an Oxfordshire couple who were threatening to abort twins. Professor Jack Scarisbrick of Life said they had been approached by more than one family seeking financial help in the wake of the recent publicity over the single woman. licity over the single woman who had one twin aborted in Queen Charlotte's Hospital west London, because she could not afford to bring up both babies. His organisation had received over 19,000 in donations intended for that mother or for others in a similar night, which had seen ilar plight, which had gone into a special fund.

News of the pregnant women seeking cash broke as the Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, ruled out changes in the law to control the administration of fertility drugs. In spite of the outcry over Mandy Allwood, whose fertil-ity treatment has resulted in eight foctuses, Mr Dorrell said vetting couples wanting help was the stuff of a "police

Ms Allwood caused an outcry when it emerged that she stands to gain over £100,000 for each of the octuplets that is born. The latest stories are likely to raise the tempera-ture of debate still further. The Oxfordshire woman,

moton

striker

who already has two children, is 20 weeks pregnant. Her three-bedroom house was too small to accomodate twins, she said yesterday. 'I don't want to get rid of them, but my husband thinks we should abort them both rather than just one. My husband says and extend our house." Prof Scarisbrick said Life

was in negotiation with the couple through an intermediary. "We are saying, give us 72 hours to try to make a real difference to you."
A second family, expecting

A second family, expecting triplets, had also contacted Life looking for financial help. Prof Scarisbrick admitted the organisation could be opening the floodgates. "Yes — it is obviously open to abuse," he said. "We have gone to considerable pains to make sure that the kind of help they are asking for is help they are asking for is matched by their own efforts.

The Oxfordshire mother said her husband worked fullsaid her husband worked ful-time while she worked part-time to pay off the loan on the car. "I don't think my hus-band will cope with the pres-sure of more kids. I think he'll leave." She could not cope with the idea of

Paul Tully, of the Society for Paul Tully, of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), said that it had received more calls for help from families than usual. Some had hoped for money. SPUC was offered \$25,000 in donations for the mother fore it came to light that the operation had taken place. In spite of calls for tights

controls over the sort of fertility drugs taken by Ms All-wood, Mr Dorrell said yesterday that it was not possible to bring in sufficiently detailed laws to cover every aspect of the range of treatment available. All doctors were bound by the ethical standards laid down by the General Medical Council, he said. It would be both wrong and

impractical to vet couples

From the traditions of a great Frenchman... to the wild visions of the woman from Derby





The classic Dior gown, left, and a Westwood creation. Given to extreme designs, Westwood yet reveals a romantic vision of femininity

Vicar stabbed in churchyard

lence again if necessary. He is on the run and will require other people to give him shel-

ter and assistance. Mr Davies said Storey had a 'very bad record" of offences involving robbery, weapons, drugs and violence, and he

should not be approached by members of the public. He said that Mr Gray had returned home to his vicarage Tuebrook, Liverpool, at midnight. At about 12.40am yesterday, witnesses heard him speaking to another man whose voice became raised.

They heard a voice cry out. Witnesses saw a man run from the scene outside the



Christopher Gray ... 'among most able of his generation'

continued from page I church near the vicarage," community that we are in no said Mr Davies. "They found Mr Gray dying outside his

> fled, forced his way into a nearby house, threatened a woman with a knife and

The woman, desperately protecting herself and her two young children, fought him off. The man took her keys and drove off in her Ford

Gray had devoted his life to serving others and that risk was part of the job. "All clergy have people who come to their door and it is part of our tradition that we do not turn them away without trying to help them any way we

Nr Gray left Oxford with a double first in history and was a gifted linguist and writer. He served in two Liverpool parishes before appointed vicar of St Marga

With his intellectual

han parish.

home." He said the attacker had

itempted to abduct her.

Since Gianfranco Ferré

ret's 18 months ago.
Dr Sheppard said Mr Gray's

death was "a terrible blow to his family, the perish and the this much valued priest is a tremendous loss to me per-sonally, and to all of us in the priests of his generation, Christopher Gray had very special gifts of scholarship." liance, Mr Gray had had the potential to become a bishop. ne added. But he had been determined to stay in an ur-

promote Britain's rising status in the field "HE fashion world is she has, in fact, already

Susannah Frankel on a fashion rebel

buzzing with rumours that Vivienne Westwood - Queen of Punk. grande dame of British ashion and the woman most famous for parading knickerless around Buckingham Palace — looks set to take over at Christian Dior, France's oldest

mounced his departure in July, speculation has been rife over who will inherit the Dior crown, with every one from Jean Paul Gaul tier to Christian Lacroli and John Galliano being touted as hot favourites. A recent report in the US style bible Womenswear Daily, however, suggests that Westwood is Ferré's most likely successor, with further reports suggesting 1941, it was not until the

been appointed. Nothing will be announced until Ferré retires in October.

The move would be another great step forward for British fashion, still glorying in the aftermath of John Galliano's trium phant takeover at Givenchy last autumn - a move which has been credited with bringing the industry back into the limelight.

But sceptics are wary that Westwood's talents would be more difficult to harness than Galliano's the extremity of her designs and her passion for hugely elaborate leg o' mutton sleeves and platformed shoes so high that Naomi Campbell fell flat on her face are legendary. Born in Derbyshire in

seventies that Westwood began work as a designer, setting up the rubber-filled tipped to assume a top fashion crown and shop later to be called Sex with her then husband, punk entrepreneur Malhad become London's punk HQ with Westwood, the woman responsible for put-ting the safety-pin through

the Queen's nose on the cover of the Sex Pistols' God Save the Queen, at its walk collection, Pirates, followed in 1981 in London's Olympia, where she continued to show until, in 1982, she became the first British designer since Mary Quant to be invited to show

in Paris. It was not until the early nineties, however, that Westwood's talents were fully recognised in this country, when she was awarded British Designer of the Year two years run-ning. In 1992 she received an OBE from the Queen and, never averse to more than her fair share of con-

troversy, left Buckingham Palace twirling her skirts provocatively to reveal she

Queen of Punk Westwood 'bound for Christian Dior'

council flat in south London with her husband Andreas Kronthaler, 25 years her junior, may seem an unlikely candidate to take over from Ferré. However, tent, her belief in fashion forms and her at times almost archaically romantic vision of femininity may make her just the woman for the job.



Vivienne Westwood: Possible successor



Gianfranco Ferré: Retiring

Man who gave post-war Europe the New Look

CHRISTIAN Dior, who made his greatest contribution to fashion with the rounded shoulders, pro st, tiny nipped-in waist and huge sweeping skirts, came to design almost by default, writes Romaine Lillie.

cal science and then opened an art gallery in 1928. He and his family were ruined in the Depression and

He intended to study archi- | to make several dresses. The House of Dior, which he tecture but switched to politiopened in post-war Paris, was New Look was received with critical acclaim by a Europe he turned to illustration, sell-ing fashion sketches to Robert He remained at the helm until

Electricity prices to fall as National Grid told to give consumers savings worth £1.2bn

Chris Barrie

LECTRICITY consumers are set to save up to £5 a year on power bills following

the announcement yesterday that price controls on the National Grid are to be dra-matically tightened by watch-dog Stephen Littlechild. In a decision that stunned

dismayed unions fearful of hefty job cuts, Prof Littlechild said he planned to force the Grid - which runs the nation's power lines — to hand consumers savings worth up to £1.2 billion over

the next four years.

The Grid reacted angrily and hinted that investment in the infrastructure of transmission wires and pylons

close to ordering blackouts on several occasions in recent months. Grid executives indicated that spending and staffing levels were critical issues. Dismissing Prof Littlechild's calculations as "ex-

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tremely perverse". Roger Urwin, managing director of the Grid's transmission arm, warned that response times to energy at the trade union Uni-emergencies and customer son, said staffing levels had

services suffered when staff- | already been cut by over 11 | cast savings of "thousands of ing levels were cut.
The announcement is the

latest in a series of clashes be-tween regulators and the privatised utilities. It triggered a fall in the Grid share price amid suggestions that hun-dreds of jobs might have to go to finance the savings.
Sol Mead, deputy head of

per cent last year, and a fur-ther 500 were poised to go. customer For a domestic customer with a bill of about £300, Prolessor Littlechild's price limits on the Grid's core trans mission business will cut bills in real terms by 1,5 per cent

Transmission accounts for

The proposals, which have yet to be finally confirmed, require the Grid to cut prices by up to 26 per cent next April, followed by a cap on prices equivalent to the rate

of inflation less 4 per cent.

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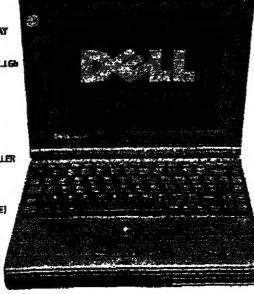
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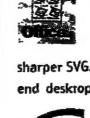
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Collectors fined for illegal birds' eggs

THREE men were fined a total of £7,600 yesterday for illegally possessing birds' eggs after a nationwide police and RSPB

Magistrates at Salisbury, Wiltshire, fined Geoffrey Peirson. aged 48, £5,000 with £30 costs, while Anthony Parkes, also 48, and Michael Sloane, aged 36, were fined £1,600 and £1,000 respectively. Their arrests followed Operation Avocet, aimed at collectors and traders in eggs. protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The court had heard that when police raided Parkes's home last September, they seized more than 10,000 birds' eggs — one of the largest seizures in this country.

Parkes admitted 52 specimen charges, Sloan admitted of-fences concerning 1.144 eggs and Peirson admitted seven offences. The chairman of the bench, Trevor Gilbert, said they considered fines of "many, many thousands of pounds" for Parkes and Sloane, but the men had financial difficulties. It has been illegal since 1954 to collect wild birds' eggs. Since the 1981 Act — which can impose fines up to £5,000 per egg — possession is illegal. - Smart Millar

Dead woman 'tricked into car'

DETECTIVES yesterday revealed that a woman whose naked body was found behind a rubbish bin in Manchester was a graduate who had returned to the city to see student friends. The roman and 20 and not so far named bedeen the student friends. woman, aged " and not so far named, had toured a number of bars but split up from her companions. She may have been tricked into

getting into a cor. believing it was a taxi.

Her body was found at a pub in the Ardwick area on Sunday. It
is believed she was sexually assaulted and then beaten with an axe or similar weapon. Her attacker had set fire to her body to try to prevent her being identified. - David Ward

Police pay refugee £13,000

A KURDISH refugee and trade union branch secretary who fled Turkey to avoid police persecution was yesterday awarded £13.500 in damages and legal costs against the Metropolitan Police for assault, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

Tekin Kartal. aged 28 and a TGWU official, had been arrested after a strike outside a textile factory in Stoke Newington, north London, in 1990. He was charged with violent disorder and assaulting a police officer but acquitted. After yesterday's hearing at Central London county court Mr Kartal said: "More must be done to stop continuing police majoractice which is directed against the refugee community." The Metropolitan Police had not accepted liability. — Oren Boucost

Plaid Cymru in cash crisis

PLAID Cymru is facing a cash crisis as it prepares for a general election in which the party desperately wants to increase its tally

"If we don't get the money we need, we will fight the election with our hands tied behind our backs," said Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru's president.

Officials say £100,000 is needed to fight the election with confidence, plus a further £35,000 to cover a budget deficit which has failed to win its bankers' support.

We have to face ever-increasing election costs but, unlike the Labour Party, we don't have the trade unions giving us mega-bucks," said Mr Wigley. "And we don't get money from big businesses as the Tories do."

The party is not considering emulating the Conservatives and offering dinner dates with the president in return for £10.000 cheques. "I don't think people in Wales would pay that much to have lunch with me." Mr Wigley said. — David Ward

Thumping fine for teenager

A TEENAGE motorist was fined £350 pounds plus £140 costs yesterday for driving around Eastbourne with thumping pop music blaring from the back of his car. Gary Smith was stopped in iuna ine en occupied by a giant speaker. The fine — the first of its kind in Britain — was met with a chorus of approval by residents.



French students Vincent Rabier and Aude Bertrando admire Canova's Ideal Head, saved for the nation by a lottery grant and now in the Ashmolean, Oxford PHOTOGRAPH RUSSELL SACH

Grant saves marble treasure lames Meikie

IS Three Graces cost £7.6 million, his lost Cupid failed to make £1 million, and now his marble bust has been saved for the nation at £746,000.

The Ideal Head of a wom-an by the neo-classical sculptor Antonio Canova will make its debut at the Ashmolean Museum, £560,000 lottery grant and a

retrieving Italian art treasures from France after the Napoleonic wars, had remained with the family to whom it was given until last year when it was sold at auction to a dealer for just under \$400,000. The head was bound for a foreign museum, but its export was deferred to give an British institution a chance

public appeal. The bust, a of western art at the Ash-gift from Canova for help in molean, said: "This may be the most untouched Canova Anglo-Italian friendship." The museum's trust fund

provided £50,000, the National Arts Collection Board a similar amount and one benefactor pro-

reserve price at an auction Getty Museum in 1989.

The grant was among 47 to buy it. vided more than 260,000. Other beneficiaries in vices Museum at Edin-Timothy Wilson, keeper A Canova cupid statue cluded the National Banner burgh Castle.

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The biggest single grant totalling nearly £10 million | announced was £1.8 million announced yesterday by for an exhibition hall for the Heritage Lottery Fund. the Scottish United Sor-

Royal Mail to woo post strike waverers

Seumas Milne Labour Editor

OST Office managers have geared up for a strike-breaking effort to crack support for today's fifth national 24 hour ing office workers, according ers" to cross picket lines. to confidential Royal Mail Postal workers in the

Managers have been told to

the chance to change their work patterns today in order "try everything we can"—including singling out "opinion
formers", arranging time off
for "positive" workplace

deadline set by the Communimeetings and orchestrating local ballots and petitions — for the start of the strike. Office management is staking its position on a large-scale

> practices deal rejected by the CWU executive.

return to work, rather than a

Last night, the Post Office announced nearly four out of five postal workers who had answered a management | South-west last week, Ronnie | at particular units and rely

ballot. But Alan Johnson, CWU general secretary. accused Royal Mail of "machinations" to create a inations" to create a "charade" of collapsing support for industrial action. "Our members will not be bullied, tricked or coerced can only end if Royal Mail agree to negotiate with us

resumption of negotiation on the hours, pay and working documents confirm managers The internal Post Office recognise the problems in undermining support for the stoppages. In a private memo sent to all delivery office man-agers in South Wales and the

nel director, wrote the likell- solidarity". hood of significant strike breaking at large sorting offices was "remote: the strength of the picket lines and the fear of recrimination and intimidation are strong

very difficult decisions to be taken", Mr Henderson said managers must "try everything we can to persuade and facilitate attendance at work" on 14 August. They should

that they can attend together

nemorandums passed to the | South-east are being offered | questionnaire wanted a new | Henderson, divisional person- | on each other for team

four-point plan at each workplace for organising opposition to the strikes. He said it had already proved successful in some offices but warned managers must ensure meetcoming into work and not negative about consolidating

The key issues in dispute are Royal Mail's demand for flexible "teamworking" and use all their "skill and inge-nuity" to "group together first delivery — which the those who are wavering so CWU believes will threaten the second delivery and fulltime jobs.

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No one to blame for rail deaths crash, says report

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

ABOUR last night called for Railtrack to be stripped of its safety responsibilities, after the privatised track authority concluded in an internal report that no one was to blame for a fatal train crash at Stafford in

Two people died and 22 were injured after a derailed were injured after a deraned freight train was struck head on by a Royal Mail train. Both trains belonged to privatised operators bought by the US railroad company Wisconsin

The internal report leaked yesterday to Labour — was carried out for Railtrack's Midlands zone and the operators by a private rail safety consultant

It has concluded that none of the parties involved was to clame for the accident at Rickerscote, near Stafford. rail collision near Watford. The accident was caused by a Junction until next month. The accident was caused by a broken axle on one of the

freight wagons, it says. Rail- people injured after a full pas-track's London HQ would senger train smashed into an only say last night that it was empty train crossing over the waiting "for the results of the Health and Safety Executive's detailed investigation".

Labour's transport spokes-woman, Glenda Jackson, said last night: "It is quite amazing that Railtrack has con-cluded that no one is to be held responsible for such a serious accident.

"There have always been fears that following privatisa-tion operators would seek to avoid blame for individual in-clients and this report has fully justifed those concerns. We are again calling for the the removal of Railtrack's res-ponsibility for investigating all serious safety issues and for that responsibility to be placed in the hands of a fully independent safety

executive". Railtrack has also delayed its initial conclusions about the cause of last Thursday's A woman was killed and 75

empty train crossing over the same stretch of the West

 The rail passenger watch dog yesterday ordered signifi-cant changes in rail penalty fares procedures after complaints from passengers that some on-the-spot fines for travelling without tickets have been unfair and draconian.

The rail regulator, John was rightly concerned that the innocent passenger should be given every protec-tion against being charged improperly. He added that changes

should ensure that there were adequate back-up facilities to buy tickets when the station ticket office was closed, pas-sengers are told where and when the schemes operate, platform tickets were made available, and there were improvements in standards of training of penalty fare staff, known as revenue protection

Britons to appeal against drugs conviction

Vivek Chaudhary WO girls sentenced to five

years' imprisonment after being caught with 11lb of can-nabls at Casablanca airport are to appeal against their

Sally Griffiths, who is 18 today, and Claire Martin, aged 19, of Colchester, Essex. were found guilty by a Moroc-can court on Monday of possessing and trading in drugs.

They were accused of buying the drugs in Fez, intending to sell them to a British dealer in Amesterdam for £1,500. Both denied the

everything we can to get her back." Commenting on the sentence, she said her daugh-

ter was strong-willed, but "you can never be prepared for it. I can imagine what she is feeling. We shall be worrycharges, claiming that they were not aware they had ing as to how she will cope."

Miss Martin's father, Chrisdrugs in their luggage. topher, a community liaison A spokesman for the Forpoliceman, and his wife. eign Office, whose officials Susan, are in Morocco.

have been in regular contact with the girls, said: "They are planning to appeal within the Stephen Jakobi, spokesman for Fair Trials Abroad, yesterday expressed concern at next 15 days, the maximum period within which they can appeal under Moroccan law." They had not complained the sentences and the way the trial was conducted.

"They should have been tried in a youth court, and about the conditions they their ages should have been taken into consideration," he were being kept in and were "as well as can be expected in said. "I don't understand how the circumstances" Miss Griffiths's mother, within two weeks of the girls' Angela, said: "We will do being arrested."

> drugs have been increasing. have expressed concern at the many foreign women in Brit-

However, they could have faced longer terms had they been arrested and found guilty in Britain. Sentences for importing both soft and hard Women's welfare groups

Former pilot derides MoD version of dummy bomb

Soumas Milino

INISTRY of Defence claims that RAF records of a serious accident involving a British nuclear weapon at Wittering air base in the late 1950s actually referred to a non-nuclear dummy bomb were yesterday described as "incredible" by a senior retired RAF officer.

According to a newly-revealed RAF Wittering operations record book, a 20001b atom bomb was accidentally jettisoned from a Valiant bomber in May 1959, causing "severe damage" to the nuclear weapon. The MoD, which has insisted for 40 years there has never been a nuclear weapons accident in Britain, said earlier this week the Wittering incident must have involved an "inert training round" as it occurred dur-ing a training flight. The mining a training tught. The libit istry was, however, unable to explain why the squadron commander had reported a nuclear accident in the log.

But Air Commodore Alastic who is under-

tair Mackie, who is understood to have flown nuclear-armed Vulcan bombers in the 1950s and 1960s, said yester-day: "It seems astonishing to the point of incredulity that if it were a training weapon no reference would be made to

that in the ops record book." Air Commodore Mackie who is now a prominent supporter of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, said it would have been "absolutely extraordinary" for anyone to report a nuclear weapons ac-cident if it in fact involved a dummy. "If it had been a dummy, the CO would have made some reference to it. The implication is strongly it

was not a dummy. Veterans of the "V-force" generation of nuclear bombers in the 1950s and 1960s which included the Valiant have said they flew with live ish jails. Many were poor and were duped into carrying drugs, or blackmailed. weapons so the Government could declare Britain's nuclear deterrent to be ready.

Government fails on key health aims

Chris Mihili Medical Corr

OVERNMENT plans o cut obesity, teenage smoking and fe-male drinking are failing, the public spending watchdog said yesterday. The National Audit Office reported that far from reaching some of the key targets in its Health of the Nation strategy, in the three areas the trends were moving in the

wrong direction. This echoes two Department of Health reports in 1993 and 1995 which admitted that targets in the three areas would not be met

The report points out that the proportion of obese men has reached 13 per cent compared to 7 per cent in 1987, and with women the proportion is now 16 per cent com-pared to 12 per cent previ-ously. The targets were to reduce the proportion of obese men to 6 per cent and women to 8 per cent by 2005. On alcohol levels, the National Audit Office says 1994 data shows no downward trend in the number of men drinking beyond the recommended limit, currently around 28 per cent. For women the proportion ex-

Andrew Culf Media Correspondent

THE BBC was poised yes-terday for a deal which could provide it with a long-

awaited entry into the Ameri

can television market and launch new channels in

Flextech, the European sub-sidiary of the American media giant Tele-Communica-

tions (TCI), confirmed it was

negotiating with the BBC over a possible joint venture

to create new subscription

The BBC would only con-

firm it was in discussions

with a wide range of organisations as it prepared for the in-troduction of digital broad-casting, which will mean dozens of new channels to

target was 7 per cent by 2005.
The office says smoking by children aged 11 to 15 has risen from 8 per cent in 1988 to 12 per cent in 1994, despite Good progress is being made on 11 of the 27 targets, including those for heart disease, stroke, breast cancer, lung cancer and suicide.

Stephen Dorrell, Health Secretary, said the Depart-ment of Health was spending £12 million over the next three years on anti-smoking messages to teenagers, but the Government was not in favour of a ban on tobacco advertising, because other methods were more effective. The British Medical Associ-

ation said the teenage smok-ing figures were "very disappointing, extremely worrying, but not at all suprising". Mac Armstrong, BMA sec-retary, said the figures were a "shocking indictment" of the

lack of action in to combat carefully targeted tobacco "These appalling statistics reinforce the BMA's call for an immediate ban on tobacco advertising as a step towards reversing an extremely worry-ing trend," he said.

women the proportion ex-ceeding recommended levels has risen from 11 per cent in HMSO, \$28.95.

£22 billion and one of the

highly competitive American television market. It is the

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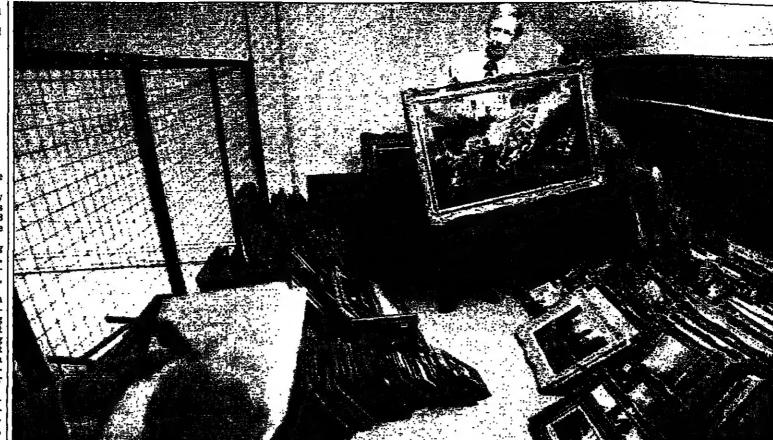
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BBC pursues deal with US

group for new pay channels

Britain. of organisations about poss-TCI, estimated to be worth libe developments."



Auctioneer Andrew Hartley with some of the possibly forged paintings and (below) a portrait from the Wrights' collection Photographs Azadous Guzelian

Conman's art stash goes on sale

Buyers beware at auction for charity of works collected by 'brilliant crook' who killed himself, writes Martin Wainwright

HE art world is prepar-ing for its least predict-able auction since the days of master forger Tom Keating when a bizzarre stash of canvasses, altered oils and "good old 20th century plywood" goes under the hammer in likley, West Yorkworld's largest media groups, could allow BBC Worldwide to gain a foothold in the

Decorated with unusual provenance tags from North Yorkshire police, the 450 paintings — an unsolved muddle of genuine, fake and half-and-half work — were left by an ingenious conman who committed suicide with his wife on the eve of their trial for fraud.

"We hope we've got most of the wrong 'uns out," said aucnels are ventures understood to be under consideration. tioneer Andrew Hartley, sort-Flextech has a stake in 13 ing through gilt-framed stud-ies of Dutch windmills, moonsatellite channels, including TCC (The Children's Channel), Bravo and Playboy TV.

The BBC said: "Flextech have confirmed that they are in preliminary discussions with the BBC concerning a warr clear indeed that they are confirmed in the confi lit Victorian streets and langorous nudes which have cluttered his likley showroom "But we're going to make it very clear indeed that cavear

emptor - buyer beware - applies at this sale as at almost

logue names nearly 200 artists. Mr Hartley's foreword warns that more than 160 dubious signatures have been removed and that the paintings 'may or may not be wholly or partly the work of the artist, or of his school, or one of his followers, or in his style, and of uncertain date." With unusual honesty, it

also emphasises that the hoard is known to consist largely of paintings which were "subject to alterations" by their owners, art dealers Gordon and Joan Wright of Harrogate, North Yorkshire. This is an understatement

according to detectives who tried to unravel the strange affairs of Wright, a former railway clerk who amasse an estimated £1 million

tences totalling 10 years, he was described by lawyers as a "slippery customer" and by police as "a brilliant crock who could be extremely charming but was also an absolute bastard.

The Wrights were found said Mr Hartley, who caused dead in their fume-filled car | a previous stir with a sale of | dents he may have employed, | meaning".



on May 5, 1992, leaving a mes-sage that "due to current police persecution, the light paintings guestionably attributed to the Austrian painter A. Hitler. at the end of the tunnel will be switched off until further "They bought and sold pic-tures at a huge rate and never

charged very much money for

In the much-questioned

world of the art market, whose vast prices and hype

buy a "nice" painting, even if they knew its bona fides were

questionable.

Already convicted of scams including an "infallible" football pools system and conspir-acy to defraud, Wright was due in court the following day, with his wife, to face a

raft of forgery charges.
"The Wrights were known in Harrogate for their unusually rapid turnover of stock,"

est living by painting.
"Here's an example," said
Mr Hartley, holding up an im-itation Winterhalter, possibly by J.C. van Essen but proba-bly with elements by G. it, it's a bloody good little painting.

the potential to earn an hon-

"That's the approach we're taking to the sale. You've got to be frank; there's no other way."

Money from the auction, at

Hartiey's saleroom on Saturday afternoon, will go to charities nominated in their referred to the paintings as their "children" (Wright left a nominal 25p to his actual son). But how much is anyone's guess.

"If it's genuine, this 19th century farmyard scene by Hunt could go for £2,000 to £2,500," said Mr Hartley. "If it's a total wrong 'un

which I don't think it is, it'll

maybe fetch £600-£700. But with all the interest and background to the case, we may have always been joyously sabotaged by forgers, the cou-ple found customers happy to find another 20 per cent or so added on." For the Wrights, in the

words of their typewritten 10- saved £55 million, bringing page suicide note, the sale for the total saving in managecharity will at least and at ment costs for the end of this

Cuts **'hitting** patient care'

administration which the Government said yesterday had saved more than \$100 million are hitting patient services because key personnel cannot be appointed to bring in new developments, managers warned. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, announced that his call at last year's Tory party conference for NHS manage-ment costs to be reduced by 5 per cent had been achieved.

He said the reduction, agreed with individual trusts and health authorities, had worked out at a cash cut of around 5.2 per cent across the NHS, bringing savings of £103 million which could be in-vested in direct patient care. But the National Associa-tion of Health Authorities and Trusts said the cut had been achieved at the expense of the introduction of new services. Its director, Philip Hunt, said at one hospital the cuts had delayed the appointment of a theatre co-ordinator to improve the use of operating theatres, while another had been unable to appoint a de-

velopment manager to imple-ment mental health strategy. Karen Caines, director of the Institute of Health Services Management, said: "An arbitrary 5 per cent target for reductions in management costs without understanding the consequences for the de

livery of health care is simply a political gesture. Bob Abberley, of the health inion Unison, said the cuts have been achieved "at the expense of patient care and this is unacceptable

Mr Dorrell said the savings meant "fewer bureaucrats and more for patients". He denied he was merely correct-ing the Government's mistakes in creating an excess of managers through its health

service changes. He said other cuts had been made in NHS administrative overheads, with the abolition of regional health authorities and family health services authorities saving £100 million. There are now 100 NHS au-thorities compared to 300 a few years ago. Cuts at the De-partment of Health, resulting in 20 per cent fewer staff, had Wright, or possibly stu- last "give our lives real financial year to more than

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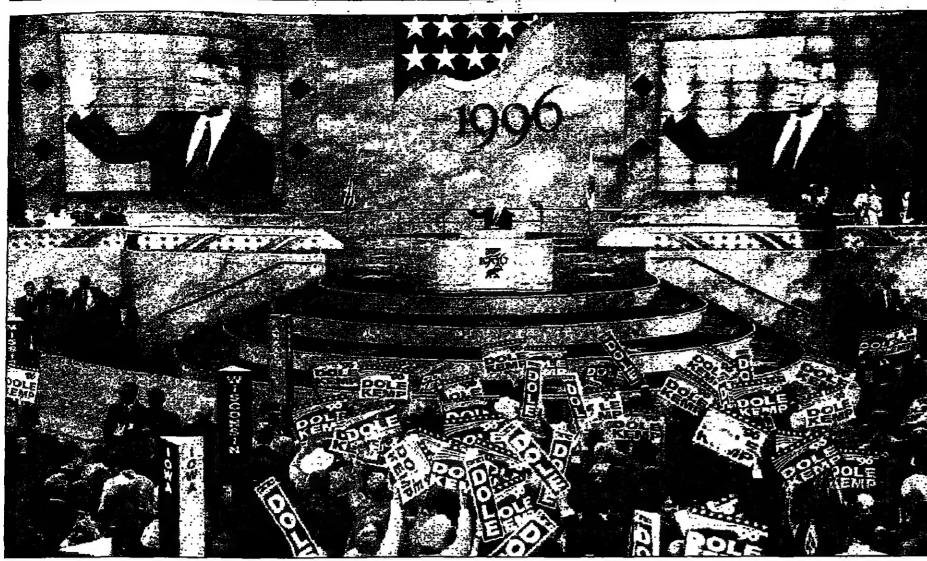


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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION: Right held off by retired general's plea for compassion



Powell helps moderates win the day

accelerated its dash back to the electable centre of American politics yesterday, following a tightly-controlled script in which former general Colin Powell's appeal for compas-sion was reinforced by party moderates, despite boos from

religious conservatives.

The pro-choice congresswoman Susan Molinari of new baby like a political fash-ion accessory, was scheduled to give last night's keynote address as the party tried to make up the lost ground of the gender gap. But even the

point margin.

Taking the advice of a deathbed memo from Richard Nixon, who advised Mr Dole to win the nomination from the right and then campaign from the centre, the Republicans are also haunted by memories of their last con-vention. Marked by the declaration of a 'cultural war' by The pro-choice congress-woman Susan Molinari of New York, who wears her a disaster, revealing the intolerant side of the religious

right.
"Haley Barbour [the republican party chairman] has gone out of his way to give a tolerant image to the convention," Governor George Aller

ton's opinion poll lead over | of Virginia said yesterday.

Mr Dole left women prefer "Compared to Houston, what
ring the Democrat by a 20- | you are seeing is a broader spectrum of the party.

But the right is getting rest-less. Moderate Republicans were jeered yesterday by activists yelling "Abortion is murder" as Governor Pete Wilson of California and Senator Olympia Snow of Maine gave a press conference. Mr Wilson was then heckled again on the convention

floor, with shouts of "You libertines get out of the party".

Despite a rapturous reception for his speech, which called on the party to "be big enough" for all views, GenPowell was booed sporadically when he declared his support for abortion rights form — its manifesto — seeks to outlaw both, but Mr Dole further irritated the right when he claimed yesterday that he had "not yet read" it. The Republican strategy is to smooth over the divisions by rallying the party behind a message of growth, tax cuts and loathing of President Clinton, Mr Powell backed

the economic plan with the

tale of how his family "lived the American dream". The

party's former presidents

were wheeled out to reinforce

the anti-Clinton theme. "It breaks my heart when the White House is demeaned." George Bush told the convention. Gerald Ford said the US needed "a commander-in-

norities. The Republican plat- | lute, adding "I told you when | I became president I wasn't a Lincoln, I was just a Ford the names of American cars which was the best line of the convention so far: "What we have now in the White House is a convertible Dodge. Isn't it time we had a trade-in?"

Conventions are ritual affairs. The 1,990 Republican delegates and their 1,990 alternates (of whom 91 per cent are white, 65 per cent male, and one in five is a million aire) are encouraged to behave like children.

They wear silly costumes of red, white and blue, wave their placards and banners, cheer, sing, toss paper streamers and march to the

prominence of the right at this convention, including figures like Vincent Bruno, the campaign strategist for the Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke in Louisia

George Stephanopoulos and the Democrats' chairman, Senator Chris Dodd - the party's "truth squad" — are having a field day denouncing the conclave of extremists at daily news conferences outside the hall.

"You almost have a tale of two conventions here," said Mr Dodd yesterday.

You have the convention that is owned and controlled by Pat Buchanan, then the other convention that puts Colin Powell up on the

News in brief

Serbs allow arms site inspection

THE British commander of Nato-led ground forces in Bosnia personally inspected a Bosnian Serb weapons storage site yesterday, defusing the tension caused when Serb soldiers barred

The 53,000-strong peace implementation force (I-For) remained on heightened alert, however, as Nato officers reviewed the security situation in the wake of several days of friction and threats.

friction and threats.

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker escorted the Bosnian Serb president, Biljana Plavsic, to the arms dump at Han Pijesak to ensure compliance with the weapons inspection requirements in the Dayton peace agreement.

The Serbs refusal to allow Nato inspectors into the site on Saturday triggered a crisis which culminated on Monday in Gen Walker ordering precautionary steps to be taken for a possible confrontation. I-For withdrew vulnerable units from Serb territory, and an estimated 500 UN policemen were pulled back to I-For bases. — Julian Borger, Zagreb.

Cape vigilante charged

SOUTH AFRICAN police yesterday arrested a leader of the Muslim vigilante group responsible for the lynching last week of a gangster in Cape Town. He was charged with sedition, and prosecutors said further charges, including murder, might be

Nadthmie Edries, a co-ordinator of People against Gangaterism and Drugs (Pagad), will be detained until Thursday, when a court

It was the first arrest since the killing of the leader of the Hard Livings gang, Rashaad Singgie, who was shot and burned to death in front of police and television cameras. Police said Mr Edries's

in front of police and television cameras. Police said Nat Edites so leaders, All Parker and Farouk Jaffer, were not found when they raided their homes yesterday.

Muslim community leaders immediately protested against the crackdown. A spokesman for the Muslim Judicial Council.

Sheikh Nazeem Mohammed, described the vigilantes as "decent and honourable people". — David Beresford and agencies.

Poisoning deaths reach 37

THE toll from food poisoning at a workers' canteen near Bombay rose to 37 with the deaths of five more people in the past 24 hours, doctors and officials said yesterday. At least 50 more are still in a critical condition.

The dead and injured were among 120 people who complained of giddiness, aches and vomiting hours after they are contaminated food last week at a canteen in the textile town of Bhiwandi,

about 75 miles north of Bombay.

Doctors said that tests suggested the source of the poisoning could be the seeds of white datura (thorn-apple), a poisonous weed that flowers during the monsoon. The state health secretary, K. S. Barol, had earlier said that traces of white datura were found in flour samples collected from the canteen. Only those who ate chappatis — unleavened bread — appeared to have fallen ill.

Police were said to be looking for seven cooks who went
missing after the poisoning outbreak. — Reuter. Bombay.

Alarm at border kidnap

FOREIGN owners of hundreds of factories in the free trade zone along the Mexican-California border have been alarmed by the cidnapping of a Japanese executive and his company's decision o pay a ransom demand. Gunmen seized Mamoru Konno, head of Sanyo Video Compo-

nents, from the border town of Tijuana on Saturday. They lemanded \$2 million for his return. Company executives in Osaka said yesterday that they would pay up.

The kidnapping of wealthy businessmen in Mexico is not uncommon, but this is believed to be the first abduction of a

foreigner in the free-trade area. It is expected to change the relaxed atmosphere of *maquiladorus*, factories employing mainly Mexicans to assemble goods for sale in the United States. About 8,000 foreigners shuttle across the border each day to manage 750 factories in the Tijuana area. — Christopher Reed, Los Angeles.

US help for coup sought

THE United States ambassador to Colombia, Myles Frechette, has revealed that a civilian group claiming to represent a faction in the Colombian military approached him last year to ask about ierkan suddat for a milite

Mr Frechette, in an interview on the 24 Horas television news programme, said he rejected the overture and told the group that Washington had no interest in seeing President Ernesto Samper

ousted by military force.
"It wasn't a senior military official." he said, when asked about rumours that a top army official had approached him.
"I don't know if it was true," he added. "But I can assure you that those people, and there were several, left my embassy

that those people, and that were several, lett my empassy knowing that my government would never, in any way or at any time, accept that kind of a solution."

US relations with Colombia have deteriorated sharply in the past year because of accusations that Mr Samper used drug

money to finance his 1994 election campaign.

Senior military officials have repeatedly denied rumours that they considered a coup last summer to oust Mr Samper.

Ex-officers held for murder



RETTRED army colonel Shahriar Rashid Kahn (centre) is kettrice army colonel Shanriar Rashid Rahn (centre) is driven off in a Bangladeshi police car yesterday. He was one of three former army officers arrested for the assassination of the independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975. Mr Kahn, former colonel Farook Reehman and retired major Mohammad Khairuzzaman were arrested at houses in Dhaka. They will be detained for one month under the Special Powers

Act.

Police said they were likely to face charges of murder, rebelling against a legally installed government, and being involved in a 1986 attempt to import arms from Libya. At least 10 other former army officers are still being sought.

Although the three men publicly admitted killing Mujib and most of his family in 1975, they were later granted immunity from prosecution by the government of General Ziaur.

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The installation of the Awami League government — led by Mujib's daughter, Sheikh Hasina — seven weeks ago prompted the action against them. — Arshad Mahmud, Dhaka.

Nepal buries monkey gods

PRIESTS chanted hymns and performed Hindu rituals yesterday as religious officials in Nepal's holiest temple gave a mass burial to 30 monkeys which died of electric shocks.

"We performed all religious rites as the monkeys were laid to rest," said Chetunath Gautam, a senior official of the Pashupati area development trust.

At least 30 monkeys were killed continued.

area development trust.

At least 30 monkeys were killed early yesterday after touching a high-voltage wire. "Monkeys are gods and more religious ceremonies will be performed for them." Mr Gautum said. Fifty-one Brahmin priests recited verses from Hindu holy scriptures at the Lord Pashupatinath temple as the dead animals, wrapped in white shrouds, were lowered into a grave.

According to Hindu tradition, people are cremated but animals are buried. — Reuter, Katmandu.

Party policy could halt hotel maids from Mexico

AP in San Ysidro, California

ALF an hour before sun-rise, dozens of women walk across the border from Tijuana, Mexico, to the trol-ley bus station here, careful not to crease the uniforms they will wear as hotel maids. The trolley leaves for San Diego, where the hotel rooms are packed with delegates to the Republican National Convention — delegates who voted on Monday for a platform plank that might pre-vent the maids children from earning a living the same

May.
Most of the women work on day passes issued to Mexican citizens who have a US-born relative. The Republican plat-form, should it ever become law, would make it much harder for Mexican parents to win citizenship for children born on US soil.

The women take home \$200 The women take home \$200 (£130) for a 40-hour week, and if they want health insurance, they pay the full cost. "The alternative is earning \$30 a week in Tijuana," says Maria, a hotel housekeeper, who does not give her full name for fear of losing her job. On the way to the hotels, the women will pull out the monthly trolley bus passes for

which they pay \$49 — a small fortune in Tijuana. And they will carry identification cards at all times, even when changing at the hotel, in case an immigration offi-cer is doing checks.

Bob wheels out the women in his life as the Doles play happy families for the cameras

The race for the White House is about to become a battle between rival clans,

Jonathan Freedland reports.

HEN his wife wants a serious chat, she makes an appointment. When his daughter on the road that their staff wanted permission to pierce her ears, she sent a memo. But tonight Bob Dole's loved ones will pose as the traditional American family at the Republican convention in San Diego as the candidate recasts his battle with Bill Clinton as a clash between two clans. Starting tonight, it's a fam-

ily affair. Elizabeth and Robin Dole will wave, smile and sing paeans of praise. They will beam proudly as a finely crafted video introduces "Bob Dole, the Man". They will tell charming anecdotes about the husband and father they love and why he should be presi-dent. Above all they will hint at a contrast with the Clintons — codedly telling Americans they can choose the scarred war hero and his southern belle or the draft-dodging adulterer and his shrewish wife. But the Waltons they are

not: the family values can-didate leads anything but a traditional family life. He and Elizabeth live not in a cosy house with a gar-den but in a functional dinarily ambitious. If any-



precisely the kind of wom-an demonised by US conservatives. She is a highachieving careerist lacking in maternalism (Robin is the daughter of Mr Dole's first marriage). She is a politician in her own right, the only woman to have beld two different cabinet posts: transport and labour under thing, Mrs Clinton has been Presidents Reagan and Bush. She is a Harvard graduate and a first-class lawyer. She resembles few people more closely than the wom-an whose job she covets: Hillary Clinton. Both are sharp, focused and extraor-



Elizabeth Dole: career woman plays southern belle

the more traditional wife. mothering her daughter and giving up her job. Mrs Dole's skill has been

can faithful and television audience beyond will see. There will be no reference to the multimillion-dollar fortune she has amassed from speaking fees and lu-crative investments, made with the help of a friend later convicted of tax fraud. Instead she plans to deploy a technique she has honed. mingling among the delegates with a microphone.
Oprah Winfrey style.
The image-makers have a harder task with daughter Robin. Now aged 41, she is unmarried and childless, a

Washington career woman who recently lost her job with a property company. Her age draws an unhappy contrast with the teenage Chelsea Clinton, underscoring the generation-gap be-tween the two candidates. Robin is also an emblem of Bob Dole's family-unfriendly life. She recalls teenage years when her father slept in the basement because he was so

often late home. When she was 17 the Doles ate family meals only at Christmas and Easter. She jokes that Mr Dole's dog, Leader, is "my stepbrother". Her father once confessed: "I don't think I really knew

her well."
But Robin has become practised at showing that Mrs Dole's skill has been to sugar-coat her CV with southern charm and old-fashioned femininity. Her first boss, President Lyndon Johnson, called her "sugar lips".

It is this face the Republi-

to play at her high school (he failed) or how, despite his disability, he insisted on teaching her to drive. But she also acts as a reminder that the family values candidate is on his second marriage.

The first Mrs Dole, Phyllis, says she still doesn' understand why he one day declared — with no warning — "I want out". He de manded an "emergency" divorce from his wife of 24 years, the woman who had nursed him to recovery

from a war wound.
And Robin reinforces the fact that the second Mrs Dole has no children. She recalls that when her father was newly married she gave Elizabeth flowers for Mothers' Day. Elizabeth cried, she says, explaining that she had never seen herself as a mother figure. Perhaps that's why Robin Dole has been kept in the shadows until tonight.

shadows until tonight.
Gary Bauer, head of the ultra-right Family Research Council, believes that Bob Dole can ultimately close the gap between his family values rhetoric and the reality.
"A lot of politicians live lives that are not reality. lives that are not really consistent with the tradi-

Panama drug story refuses to be blown away

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Phil Gunson in Panama City

INNED to a room-divider near Gustavo Gorriti's desk in La Prensa's open plan office is a

when covering the news." It is a phrase La Prensa's Peruvian associate editor has frequently had reason to pon-der since he joined the newspaper from exile in Miami five months ago and began to

how to avoid making it too nalistic terrorism" and dry for the reader." In fact Banaico — described

by one senior United States box — everything is in there one way or another".

The most explosive element of the investigation triggered by the government's January takeover of Banaico concerns Mr Castrillon, now await-the laundered money that ing trial in a Panamanian jail, entered the 1994 campaign of is accused of using Banaico to towards his own fund, but

seemed like a small thing when I began to research it," campaign contributions the bank's collapse he had be admits. "The problem was president accused it of "jour \$2.6 million (£1.7 million) in threatened to sue.

Shortly afterwards, as La Prensa closed in on the truth, gets of advice on the work of a reporter.

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operation. Mr Castrillón, now awaitinvestigate the collapse of a local bank.

The Banaico collapse

When The Economist

The Banaico collapse

Panama's president, Ernesto turn money from drug sales into untraceable funds for use in apparently legitimate turned up nothing.

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\$2.6 million (£1.7 million) in Banaico accounts. Another of the bank's best

customers was a German, Friedrich Adolf Specht, who now lives in the Netherlands after completing a five-year sentence for fraud in the US. Last month the Miami Her ald revealed that Mr Specht, who is also suspected by US investigators of involvement in money-laundering, contrib-uted at least \$500,000 to the 1994 Panamanian election campaign. The president admits that \$200,000 went

"How were we to know?" he scandal," a US official said. said. "I have never met Mr "And we have been impressed Specht — to this day I have never seen him. He approached us through a local representative."
The scandal is reminiscent

of goings on in neighbouring Colombia, where President Ernesto Samper has been accused of actively seeking the large contributions which the Cali cartel is known to have made to his campaign.
But while Washington has put pressure on the Colom-bian president to resign, its embassy in Panama City has been supportive of Mr

by the president's openness."

Nor has the Panamanian opposition sought to make much political capital out of the issue - a reflection of the fact, observers say, that none of the country's parties can claim their campaigns were entirely clean.

There is more concern at La Prensa, however. Mr Gorriti says he is being closely moni-tored by state security—an allegation which the president denies - but he is still on the case. While the winds may

gather strength, neither the newspaper nor its associate editor has yet shown signs of

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Inquiry damns Burundi's army staff

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CONFIDENTIAL United Nations murder of Burundi's first Hutu president — kept under wraps beexplosive impact on the con-flict-ravaged country — ac-cuses the army high com-mand of organising the assassination and of complicity in the subsequent slaughter of Hutu civilians by Tutsi

while the report does not while the report does not directly name those responsible for the killing of President Melchior Ndadaye three years ago, it questions the actions of several officers, including the army chief of staff. The UN reaches no conclusion about the role of Buutes each.

Hutu leaders, accusing some of whipping up a genocide against the Tutsi minority in the wake of the assassination which started Burundi's civil

Maj Buyoya, who seized power three weeks ago, has vowed that no one is above the law. Hutus have accused Burundi's Tutsi-dominated own inquiry into the assassi-nation, while key witnesses have disappeared and died.

areas: the October 1993 cour and assassination of Ndadaye, who won Burundi's first free election four months earlier, and the massacres of an estimated 50,000 Hutus and

has never denied soldiers were responsible for the assassination, but it has por-trayed them as low-ranking renegades. The UN commis-sion reaches a different con-clusion. "The assassination of President Ndadaye was planned beforehand as an integral part of the coup that overthrew him ... and the planning and execution of the coup was carried out by offi-cers highly placed in the line of command of Burundi's army," the report says.

In sections of the report obtained by the Guardian, the UN inquiry focuses on two Hutu MPs kept off last flights out of Bujumbura

DURUNDI'S new military Melchior Ndadaye, Burun-di's first Hutu president, banned 15 citizens, most of them Hutu parliamentarians, from leaving on what were expected to be the last Tutsis in the weeks after the murder. from Bujumbura for some But among those that boarded the aeroplanes for

> oss of a man who held out the promise of an end to decades of oppression, turned on the Tutsi minority. Thousands were killed. The UN commission says the army retaliated with considerable brutality. "Indiscriminate killing of Hutu men, women and chil-dren was carried out by mem-

Pascasie Ntibantun-ganya, wife of the president removed in a military coup three weeks ago, and the ousted president's sister also left last night. Mr Ntibantunganya was believed

Butus, devastated at the bers of Burundi's army and acts," it says. The commis-ess of a man who held out the the gendarmerie, and by ston concludes that organised the gendarmerie, and by Tutsi civilians. Although no evidence was obtained to in-dicate that the repression was centrally planned or ordered, it is an established fact that no effort was made by the mil-itary authorities at any level of command to prevent, stop, there is sufficient evidence investigate or punish such that acts of genocide against

residence.

When regional sanctions shut down most air routes and land frontiers, the United States and several European governments advised their nationals to leave Bujumbura as soon as possible, even though there is no immediate threat to Belgium was the widow of to be still sheltering in the the city.

> says that after Ndadaye's as-sassination, members of the murdered president's party.
> Frodebu, spurred "a genocide" of the Tutsi minority.
> "The commission considers

the Tutsi minority took place in Burundi on 21 October 1993, with the participation of certain Frodebu functionar-ies and leaders up to commune level," the report says. It concludes that senior Frodebu officials were expecting a coup, and prepared Hu-tus to resist it. But the UN commission says it has no evidence that the attempted

genocide was organised from the top of Frodebu. While the commission says it does not have enough evidence to accuse specific indi-viduals of plotting the assassination, it is particularly damning towards the army chief of staff, Colonel Jean Bikomagu. The report recounts actions by Col Bikomagu which suggest he had full knowledge of what was occurring. It notes that he failed to

up a ruling committee, and continued massacring Hutus even after the coup collapsed. The committee was in control for three days and only reinstated civilian government when it failed to control the bloodbath throughout the country, in spite of the bloody epression by the army under sikomagu's command, and had lost all hope of overcom-ing the adamant opposition of

nity," the report says. Col Bikomagu, who remains in his command, de-clined to be interviewed. But gence. Colonel Jean-Bosco Daradangwe, dismissed the UN report: "We're not learning anything new here. The assassination concerns indi-

the international commu-

Nasser

lives on

as hero

of film

Le Monde

Alexandre Buccianti

AMAL ABDEL Nasser is taking Egyptian box offices by storm.

Since its release here last week the film of his key

role in the Suez crisis, Nasser 56, has proved a stun-

Shot in black and white.

the film has stirred nostalgia for a golden age when Egypt was able to defeat the great colonial powers of Britain and France. At the

film's Cairo preview.
attended by Nasser's
daughter, the actor who
plays the leading role, Ahmed Zaki, was carried
shoulder high out of the

Some members of the au-

protesting against the restoration of relations with Israel, for Nasser

remains the symbol of resistance against the Jew-ish state. When reels of the

unedited film were de-stroyed by fire in 1995, many fingers pointed at the

Cinema treatments of the

touchy subject of Egyptian-

Israeli relations have often

fallen foul of the censors: a

screenplay by the Syrian Rafic El Sabane which in-cluded scenes of a brief

tian boy and an Israeli girl

had to be scrapped recently

when it was refused a

Apart from an unsuccess

ful plan for an Egyptian-Is-

raeli co-production an-

nounced in 1980, the subject of Egyptian-Israeli

relations has only twice been attempted on film.

The first, made in the early

1990s and called Love at Taba, was the story of three

Eygptians who contracted the Aids virus after spend-

ing the night with three Is-

raeli Mossad agents.

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dience also took the opp tunity to chant slogans

cinema in triumph.

ning success.

Bullets fly as Russians report Chechen 'truce'

Lawrence Sheets in Grozzy

Grozny yesterday as Russian troops tried to claw back territory lost when rebels seized much of the Chechen capital eight days ago. But according to a report on Russian television, an agree-ment had been reached be-

tween commanders of the two

sides for a ceasefire starting "An agreement was reached to halt military oper-ations across all Chechen territory from 12 o'clock [Chechen time] tomorrow and provide all the necessary hu-manitarian corridors," the

broadcast said. Throughout the day mortars, shells and rockets crashed down on the city, and refugees ran a gauntlet of bullets and explosions to flee

Despite an army statement forces had halted air strikes. positions close to where women and children were struggling to cross a river.

"Please tell them to open a corridor," pleaded Ruisa Sukhanova as she fled with her baby across a railway bridge. "There are thousands of people trapped back there." Warplanes flew over a southern suburb, sending up a huge black cloud when a

storage area. "There's your ceaselire for you," a woman said. News agencies quoted Rus-sian officials as claiming the army had made significant territorial gains by the end of

bomb apparently hit an oil

Representatives of Chechenia's pro-Moscow authorities accused the army of firing on civilians and stopping

ian Traynor in Bonn

Jews in 1944.

ERMANY has formally

requested the extradi-tion of Erich Priebke

from Italy, raising the pros-

pect that the former SS offi-cer, aged 83, could yet be sen-

tenced for his part in the murder of 335 Italians and

Two weeks ago a war

rimes trial in Rome found Priebke guilty of participat-ing in the massacre but freed him because his crime was

tions and could no longer be

punished. That sparked worldwide

outrage, raising pressure for

The prospects for a successful extradition and fresh trial

are unclear because of legal

and judicial loopholes sur-

rounding the extradition

request, which was forwarded

on Monday. European extra-

dition agreements give the German authorities less than

six weeks to muster documen-tation and evidence to back

Agreement from Argentina for the extradition is also

required. Priebke lived there

for 50 years before being ex-

tradited to Italy last year. Buenos Aires set a condition

then that he would not be ex-

The state prosecutor's

Priebke tried for murder be-

cause he has already admit-

ted personally killing two of the 335 massacred at the Ard-

in Dortmund wants

tradited to a third country.

a trial in Germany.

Priebke faces

German trial

mission in Moscow said: Tens of thousands of people are trapped on the out of Grozny without food sup-plies and with a catastrophic

lack of medicine. The Russian migration service said it had received 10 billion roubles (£1.35 million) to cope with a new wave of refugees from Grozny, numbering tens of thousands.

The European Commission in Brussels approved an aid package worth £3.5 million for Chechenia, bringing total European Union assistance to nearly £30 million in 20 months of war. EU experts be-Chechens lack food and up to half the population of about 1.2 million requires medical

At a hospital in Urus-Martan, south of Growny, doctors had no choice but to operate The latest fighting has

forced the Kremlin to rethink its policy on Chechenia, which declared their indexes

President Yeltsin's security chief, General Alexander Lebed, said on Monday he be-lieved that the mainly Muslim rebels might agree to a degree of autonomy short of secession. The separatists Many guerrillas said they

would not leave Grozny. which they stormed after weeks of Russian attacks on Chechen villages One fighter, Akhmed, aged 32, gritted his teeth and said: "Leave? Never. Now that we've taken the city, we'll

never give it up. Few refugees blamed the rebels for the violence. "The thing to do is to have the troops leave. They are destroying our people," said Sultan, a man fleeing with his two children. — Reuter.

eatine caves near Rome in a reprisal for an Italian parti-

Last year, however, a German court acquitted Wolf-

gang Lehnigk-Emden who as a German army lieutenant in

1943 massacred 15 women and

children in the Italian town of

conjuren in the Italian town of Cajazzo, on the grounds that he was guilty of manslaughter. In Germany manslaughter, unlike murder, is covered by a statute of limitations.

A Germany military history

A German military histo-rian, Gerhard Schreiber, said

that he had studied 18 atroc-

ities perpetrated by Germans in Italy during the war and in

no case had the German judi-cial system categorised the

Some experts also fear that

the German request could in-

terfere with the appeals pro-

cedure in Italy and help Priebke to go free. Germany's

Auschwitz Committee, a war crimes lobbying group, has argued against extradition,

citing the previous prosecu-tion failures and arguing that

Priebke may yet be sentenced

crimes as murder.

Germany

an attack.



A Russian soldier covers comrades in the government compound in Grozny. Hundreds have died trying to retake the city Photograph: VASSLY DETCHKOV

No love lost between Ossis and Wessis

East and west Berliners seem to find one another a turn-off, writes lan Traynor

yesterday — 35 years since the Berlin Wall was built with calls for national unity and a healing of the rift that continues to divide east from

But seven years after the 105 miles of concrete and barbed wire were swept away, west and east Berliners would rather marry almost enyone than one another. Of 16,383 weddings in Ber-

ERMAN politicians lin last year, according to the reached for their dictionary of platitudes the yawning gulf that continues, wall or no wall, to split

> The statistics also highlight a gender gap in the hunt for a An east Berlin woman is twice as likely to marry a west Berlin man than the other way around.

the capital city.

Of the 562 east-west unions in the German capital last year, 377 were of eastern fe-males joining western part-

Jewish colonisation of the occupied territories.

"This is only a beginning.

We know that the plan of the

new government is to add to

the Jewish inhabitants in the

occupied territories, about

50,000-60,000 in two years," he

told Israel radio.
"We believe, and very

firmly so, that Jewish settle-

ments in the occupied territo-ries were and still are the

main obstacle on the way to

determined to establish new

्रोधुम्बर स्थापनी सम्बद्धा मन्त्री अस्थान साम्राज्ये नहानुसम्बद्धाः । जिल्लान स्थापने अस्ति । जा दर्श

Census researchers and sociologists say there is little socialising between the two halves of the city — and of the country. Which does not mean that

Berliners, male or female, eastern or western, are shy of seeking out spouses further

From the statistics, it apmore in common with Slavs, Africans and Asians than they do with prospective part-ners from the other side of their city.

Around 22 per cent of mar-

'New settlements' cause outcry

hers, while 185 west Berliners | riages were between Berlin-became the wives of east ers and foreigners, as opposed to 4 per cent between Ossis and Wessis. Almost 1,900 Berlin women

and some 1,700 men opted for

a foreigner The most eligible foreign males were Turks, followed by emigrants from former Yugoslavia. Berlin men chose Polish women, closely fol-lowed by Thais. While Chancellor Helmut

Kohl enjoined his countrymen to use their "hearts and hands" to complete the process of German unity, there is scant sign that east and west Berliners are losing their hearts to their compatriots.

But if east and west Berliners are romantically turned off by one another, they are also increasingly unmoved by the whole idea of marriage. The city's marriage rate fell by more than 5 per cent last people tying the knot than in 1994.

The relatively high rate of Germans marrying foreigners suggests that all-German couoles are becoming inclined to forego marriage and simply live together.

A foreign partner is more likely to opt for wedlock to secure residence and work permits and social security benefits.

The second, filmed last year in London by Khaled El Nagar, an Egyptian of Palestinian extraction, tells of a love affair between an Egyptian and an Israeli. It created an outcry at the International Festiwas considered too pro-



News in brief

****************** Jail for scam vandals

A Jewish father and son were jailed for three and eight years respectively in Florida yesterday for committing anti-Semitic vandalism and making money by repairing the damage.

Al and Steven Rubin were found guilty of vandalising school buses and spray-paint-ing anti-Semitic slogans and swastikas at Hillel community school, Miami. - Reuter

Haiti killing A Hattian policeman was shot

dead by unidentified gummen, the eighth off-duty police officer to be killed in and around the Haitian capital since

Algerian victims

Germany has requested the extradition Six people, including a jour-from taly of another former nalist, have been killed in a from Italy of another former SS officer, Karl Hass, who was allegedly involved in the bomb explosion and two attacks by gunmen in Algeria. Ardeatine massacre and who testified in the Priebke case. Algerian newspapers said yesterday. — Reuter.

Mr Hass, aged 84, is be-lieved to be undergoing treat-ment in a Rome clinic after Fishy business Police in Bolshoi Kamen in the Russian Far East have jumping from a window to try to avoid being called as a witconfiscated 2,640lbs of dried ness. Until his appearance in sea cucumber - an endan-Rome. German prosecutors thought Mr Hass was dead. gered sea creature - in a

settlements or to expand pre-vious settlements [we believe] Derek Brown in Jerusalem that a new wave of terror is SRAEL'S opposition has joined Palestinian leaders possible; a new intifada [Palestinian uprising] might in condemning the govern-ment's latest moves to step up erupt, and the whole situation will deteriorate from a secu-

rity point of view.

Warnings that renewed The announcement that 300 mobile homes are to be sent to settlement could provoke vio-lence have been brushed the territories has already been condemned by the PLO aside by Likud leaders, how-ever. They pointed out that under the last government, chairman, Yasser Arafat, as a violation of the self-rule peace accords. Other Palestinians which ostensibly banned new settlement construction, the have called the decision unacnumber of Jewish residents of the West Bank and the Gaza ceptable, and the militant Islamist movement Hamas has Strip increased by more than called for mass protests. Palestinian anger was 40 per cent to an estimated 150,000. Around two million echoed yesterday by Yossi Sarid, leader of the leftwing Meretz faction. Arabs live in the territories,

most of them in the enclaves controlled by the Palestinian Authority. The prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, told Arab journalists that settlement expansion would not breach the self-rule accords.

Under the accords, Israel is pledged to negotiate a permanent peace with the PLO in the coming three years. The talks will cover boundaries, Palestinian refugees, the status of Jerusalem, and Jew-

Israel has repeatedly

accused the PLO of trying to on Palestinians, imposed in pre-empt the so-called final the wake of bombings in Isstatus talks, by, for example, rael, has thrown nearly 100,000 people, mostly labour-ers, out of work. Their places opening offices in Jerusalem. The flow of Jewish settlers into disputed territory, howhave been taken by 100,000 ever, does not seem to count guest workers. At the same time, the Is-

ment, now has a Jewish • Israel is planning to expel up to 100,000 illegal immigrant workers who have

annexation of Jerusalem which, again through settle-

confined to the occupied

raeli economy has drawn in tens of thousands more, mostly from Africa and eastern Europe. Now the government is relaxing the ban on Palestinian workers, to shore flooded into the country to take the jobs of Palestinians confined to the contract to the confined to the contract to the cont

concern about the social impact of the invasion of low-paid immigrants.



Nasser: screen portrayal of his Suez days is big success



Go on, Clare: stop sulking and send Mandy some paper dolls. He is sure to come rushing round to your office, hoppity-skip. with all sorts of scrumptious treats. Francis Wheen



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A contemptible report

The gun lobby wins, lock, stock and barrel

tions on the number of guns that an individual could hold. It is as though months after 16 children and their teacher in the Scottish community were killed by a man with a licence to carry handguns, the Home Affairs Select Committee has produced a contemptible report. The UK gun lobby may not be as powerful as its American counterpart but the history of firearms regulation in Britain demonstrates that a major tragedy is needed to achieve progress. It took the massacre of 16 people in Hungerford in 1987 by riflefire to tighten the control of automatic rifles. A ban on handguns is even more urgent; they can be more easily con-cealed and carried, and are equally capable of firing rapid rounds. Dunblane provided that opportunity. Pathetically, the Tory MPs on the committee have voted lock, stock and barrel for the gun-lobby charter.

Fortunately, Sir Ivan Lapdog (né Lawrence) and his chums were not just repudiated by Opposition MPs, chief constables and Dunblane parents yesterday but by ministers too. David Maclean, the duty Home Office minister, made it clear the Government would bring forward gun-control legislation but was waiting for Cullen, the formal inquiry into Dunblane which is due to report shortly. Sir Ivan insisted in interviews that his committee, too, narrow and inadequate of fronts: im-

NO WONDER the gun lobby was cele- out for a hotch-potch of specious brating last night. The final report from reasons: lost trade, cost of compensathe Conservative-controlled select com- tion to existing handgun owners, unfair mittee looking at gun controls was even interference with legitimate shooting better for gun freaks than earlier leaks club members, and a "minimal" imsuggested; not just the rejection of a ban | provement in public safety. By this last on handguns but the repudiation of a criterion, the committee logically host of other ideas including partial should have rejected its own modest bans, calibre controls, and new restric-

even less impact.
No one seriously suggests that a ban Dunblane never happened. Four on handguns can stop determined and undesirable people obtaining them. Of course they can't. That is not the only point of a ban. The MPs have been too mechanistic. They should have paid more heed to the reference of Sir Jim Sharples, the President of the Association of Chief Police Officers, to Britain's developing gun culture. It is not the law which has been so successful in controlling guns in Britain in the past, but cultural attitudes. Unlike the US and several continental countries, Britain has positively disliked guns. Even people who used illegal guns, like robbers, preferred the inaccurate shotgun to handguns. They were carried to control, not to kill. But cultural attitudes have been shifting, particularly with the growth of the illicit drug trade. That is the issue which Lord Cullen must address: how to reinforce existing cultural restraints. A ban on handguns could be crucial. The 2,500 handgun and rifle clubs only help legitimise the use of guns. There is no direct correlation between guns and crime but America demonstrates what happens when cultural restraints are removed; its handgun homicide rate is 150 times higher

than the UK's. There is a further message which ministers appear to have taken on board. As David Maclean noted, there wanted legislation but on the most are only 57,000 handgun certificates in Britain but over 750,000 people signed proving checks on firearm certificate the recent anti-handgun petition. It is applicants. A handgun ban was ruled | time to call the gun lobby's bluff.



The UN must tackle Burundi as part of a regional problem

probably just as well since the only proved such a disaster. But neither sanctions were imposed with no clear

The idea of insisting that the deposed must be restored to power seems to be fading. And enough ambiguity persists about the man who has seized charge, Major Pierre Buyoya, for it to be argued that he may at the moment be the least worst alternative. Mr Buyoya, a Tutsi, did cede power three years ago to the country's first elected Hutu president. As our story today on the contents of a confidential UN report reveals, the army high command is accused of organising the murder of that president and the subsequent slaughter of Hutu civilians, although it reaches no conclusion about the role of Mr Buyoya. With some Hutu leaders also accused of genocide to any neat conclusions.

by Chile at the UN Security Council to insuperable crisis.

BURUNDI'S desperate situation eased | seek a way out. This would set a deadvery slightly yesterday when Tanzania | line for successful negotiations between allowed relief aid from the World Food | Tutsis and Hutus, backed up by the Program to enter through its territory. | promise of international financial aid if The "total economic ban" on Burundi a political settlement could be reached. agreed two weeks ago at the summit of If this failed, then sanctions would be seven African states now seems in imposed by the UN directly and, "as a creasingly like a council of despair. The last resort", military deployment to summit had taken no decision on a plan | guarantee humanitarian aid. There is for regional military intervention - nothing wrong in principle with political settlements backed by economic aid. comparable operation (in Liberia) has But the situation in Burundi has by now unravelled so far that the chances could they be seen to do nothing; so of such a deal being achieved, let alone of it lasting, are remote. What needs to be recognised is the regional nature of this crisis, which involves both Rwanda president Sylvestre Ntibantunganya and Burundi and the huge unresolved problem of refugees in Tanzania and Zaire which have been allowed to become heavily-armed political forces.

The international community, through the UN, now needs to put its money up front in a plan which would simultaneously tackle the problem in all four countries. This could be broached through a reconvened regional summit; but it requires a much clearer commitment directly from the Security Council. It must include the promise of adequate aid for Rwanda which is still starved of resources to rebuild its shattered infrastructure. That is the only way to start against Burundi's Tutsi minority, un tackling the refugee problem elsewhere. ravelling this tale further will not lead and without stability outside its borders. Burundi will never succeed in A new plan has now been put forward | tackling its own - at the moment -

Keeping the fans off the grass

But what greater tribute can a supporter pay a club?

defeat by Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-final. Aston Villa fans are suffering another blow. They have been banned from having their ashes sprinkled on the pitch. As Ted Small, Villa's stadium manager, put it yesterday. "Little piles

of ash, well it just doesn't look right." Indeed, it doesn't. Being sprinkled offside is one thing, but it turns out that the most popular request is to be trickled gently in the centre spot. And though, as gardening readers will know, a small, infrequent amount of ash can act as a potent fertiliser, Mr Small has found himself sprinkling up to three fans a week. On top of that he has a brand new pitch to protect. Not a simple task, as his opposite number at Tottenham discovered two years ago. A loyal fan insisted upon being sprinkled in the goalmouth, whereupon heavy bald patch. But how else can fans ex- over the front row.

STILL recovering from their brutal 3-0 | press such loyal esprit de corpse? It is common practice among Ajax fans in Amsterdam, though the Spanish club Betis prefers one fan who carries his father's ashes in a small urn to each match. Once there, he places them on the seat next to him and, every time Betis scores, he gives them a little shake.

Should the latter seem like a scene from Monty Python, let us not forget the example of Python's own Graham Chapman who made his final appearance at a meeting of the Directors' Guild in Hollywood. Giving the opening speech, Eric Idle strode on to the stage and observed sadly that "Graham would've absolutely loved to have been here tonight so ... here he is!" At which point David Sherlock, Chapman's lover. pulled a handful of ashes from his pocket and, much to the audience's rain conspired to produce an unsightly horror, proceeded to scatter them all | We regret we cannot



Letters to the Editor

whistle blow

ON JULY 15 you carried a story on a report made public by CND, which revealed details of an accident at Greenham Common in 1958, which the authors, F H Cripps and A Stimson, of the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment (AWRE) at Aldermaston, believed involved the incineration of a nuclear weapon. More revelations have

lowed (Reports, August 12, 13). The AWRE researchers carried out their radiological survey in 1960 and completed their report in 1961. It was kept secret. Its existence was brought to my attention a year ago and I tabled a question to the MoD asking if it could be published.

Roger Freeman, now Minister for Open Government, told me in reply that "The report is currently being retained under section 3(4) of the Public Records Act 1958 and 1967. It will be reviewed at regular intervals until release into the custody of the Public Records

Office becomes possible."
Following CND's release of its own report, which includes the AWRE study as an appendix, I asked the MoD how many times the paper had been reviewed and what criteria were adopted to judge its suitability for publication. Nicholas Soames replied by

saying: 'The report has been reviewed twice since July 1995. On the first occasion, it was not considered suitable for its classification to be downgraded. The second review was prompted by public interest relating to Greenham Common; in these circumstances, it was judged appropriate to release the document."

In other words, thanks to a brave decision by someone inside the nuclear citadel at Al-dermaston leaking a classified document to CND, the MoD was forced to reverse its pol-icy of non-disclosure. This demonstrates the importance of public-spirited whistlebwers and the need for their legal protection. Llew Smith MP. House of Common

London SWLA GAA. Curtain up

IF the latest childish poster from Conservative Central Office (Church criticises Tory 'demon Blair' ads, August 13) is not intended to appeal to "sneering so-called intellectuals of Islington." I would, as a resident of Islington, like to know why there are at least six Tory posters in the area. Lloyd Child. 72 Isleden House,

Prebend Street, London N1.

THIS poster has many sub-liminal references; the face between the curtains is black; the red appears to be flames; the shape is that of the Ku Klux Klan. This poster has been designed by sophisti-cated, professional people who are completely aware of its references. Dr Mawhinney has deployed the race card and it is time to bring political advertising within the law. advertising within the law. Ian and Thalia Campbell. Glangors, Ynyslas, Borth, Dyfed SY2 45JU.

ONE can practically hear-the purile piggy snorts of decision emanating from Tory BQ. It makes you wonder if any of them have yet progressed into long trousers. Lindsay Maxwell. 19 Mercers Road,

London N19 4PH.

SEEN in Southampton daubed on the Tory demon poster: "Vote Tory for a nation of curtain-twitchers." G Cooper. 25 Khartoum Road,

Southampton SO17 INY. acknowledge receipt of letters. We may edit them: shorter ones are more likely to appear.

Let's hear that Labour's dark voices

August 10) warns against shooting the messenger regarding advice given to the Labour Party leadership by its spin doctors. So just what is the message? Appeal to the base instincts of a poorly-in-formed electorate? Placate track punishment and assure them there will be tough rules

on government spending? The reality is a conspiracy between electorate and politicians in which politics is denuded of the substance by which society might progress, and there is no talk about elevating and educating the ma-jority of people to be politi-cally aware and think in

terms of the common good. In-stead, talk of night curfews for the young must suffice. That the "dark men" of marketing can come up with nothing more stimulating than that the Labour Party must slavishly imitate the Tory Party is depressing.
The electorate will not tol-

erate pale imitators for long they'll want the real thing unless there is a convincing, via-ble alternative. The Labour Party is wasting a valuable opportunity in not reaching out to the electorate with a more stimulating and imagi-native set of policies to bring about real and lasting change

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Going with the flow

southern hemisphere sides in

a separate contest (Forget the pussyfooting, Twickenham, August 12) displays English rugby's traditional charac-teristics of supreme arro-gance and self-delusion.

Keating assumes both that the southern hemisphere is

desperate to play England and that England is the only

European side capable of competing with these teams. Whilst England consistently does well in the Five Nations,

it does so by playing blocking rugby. Last winter, it was not England but Scotland that at-

ETER Kellner (Gambling on gurus who which electoral politics is won't choose red, like selling brands, so focus groups are useful. However, there is another way in which it is essentially different. If, for instance, Black Label whisky flops, Chivas Regal prospers — because competitues in the marketylage are tors in the marketplace are selling similar products with different labels.

This is not what happens in

politics. If one party's policy flops — such as higher taxes for a free healthcare system — the other parties do not prosper by adopting it. The reverse is true: they distance them-selves from the unpopular policy. It's as if Chivas Regal, not-ing the decline in Black Label sales, decided to get out of whisky altogether.

It's worthwhile for Labour to gauge reaction to its image: if it's only the label that puts some voters off, it makes sense to change it. But this is only half the story: the point of politics is that it is futureoriented and concerned with trade-offs between competing goods, not competing brands

of the same goods.

Try asking a focus group how much more they would he prepared to pay to guarantee a continued supply of pre-mium whisky and what they would be prepared to sacrifice to pay for it. It's not answerket research; you have instead in society for the benefit of all to take a position. This is, of course, risky; it's also the proper business of politics.

Jon Griffith. 97 Shepherdess Walk, London N1 7QD.

WE SUFFE

across the whole of the Brit-ish Isles. The Five Nations may be doomed but regular

competitive home matches are as important for stan-

dards and for rughy's fan

base. England do not "owe it to

Britain" to jump ship, rather to improve standards across

FROM RIGBY

HAVE been drawing up a list of recent policy retreats by the Labour Party and I am now up to 28. I presume from Peter Kellner's article that focus groups prove these changes to be "popular with the voters Labour must attract". But I am with Martin Kettle (August 10) in thinking it is not "leadership" to give these groups what they say they want Strong leadership seems at present to be reserved for rubbishing the views of those inside the party

to promote

Rob Wall. 47 Conduit Road Bedford MK40 1EQ.

who try

DAVID Blunkett is pro-foundly mistaken in his article (Don't throw away vic-tory, August 9). What Clare Short is saying is that unless the voters can see, in Labour's manifesto, policies which can change the status quo to the benefit of the majority, then we shall lose the election. If Blair proposes to do some-thing different when he achieves office, he is being dis-honest; if he is does not, he will achieve little and not get a

second term. The Tories have not criti-cised his policies because they see nothing in them which is significantly different from their own. This should worry Blunkett as much as it wor-ries the Labour left but it seems to please him. TW Parsons.

48 Denton Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 2HQ.

Off the track As victims of the Watford Arail crash (Letters, August 12) leave hospital and the be-12) save nospital and the de-reaved endure their loss, they may be well advised to study what has happened at Stafford since the rail crash there in March. Five months later, no compensation has been paid and Railtrack's "independent" inquiry has cleared Railtrack of blame. Worse, it casts doubt on who exactly will accept re-

or if anyone will at all. The break-up of the rail service must be a blessing for the operators (blame someone else operators (blame someone else when things go wrong) and the lawyers (the courts will have to decide). The losers are innocent victims who face a grinding process against uneven odds to try to make someons take the blame. one take the blame. David Kidney. 15 Victoria Road,

sponsibility for the disaster

Europe. The first step is for English clubs to compete in Europe and for England to Stafford ST16 2BY learn to win matches by playing fast rugby against com-petitors more their own size. R E Thomas.

A club you'll never need to join

England but Scotland that attempted flowing rugby. Stan-Swansea SA2 OPR.

4 Westfa Road,

RANK Keating's call for | dards do need to be raised but they need to be raised Five Nations and join the across the whole of the Brit-

and the accompanying statis-tics. "How Christian are we?", is misleading as far as the Church of England is concerned. This is apparent in the comment from Raymond Tongue, head of Church of England statistics, concern-

ing membership.
The Church of England is not a membership Church as others may be, or as some would have it. The defining character and status for any individual, in respect of the Church of England, is not that of member but rather that of parishioner enjoying, thereby, all the rights, benefits and privileges of the Church's ministry without, of

YOUR article (Churchgoing and clergy. This is both a bottoms out. August 10) strength and a problem. Whilst attendance at Church of England services indicates participatory support for the Church, this should not be confused with membership. Nor, for that matter, should membership of the electoral roll, which indicates very little other than the desire or pressure to enrol or otherwise. More relevant would be statistics for the numbers of baptisms, whereby the individual is sacramentally incorporated, once and for all, into membership of the whole Church (Rev) David Jennings. Rector, Burbage with Aston Flamville, The Rectory, New Road. course, having to accept any of the responsibility for the maintenance of the Church Leicestershire LE10 2AW.

of babies

The business

THERE really is no problem with Ms Allwood and the eight foetuses (Conception of a multiple nightmare, August 13). She can do what she wants but should have to pay for any intensive-care her babies need. If she put it out to competitive tendering, she could probably bring down the cost to, say, £500 per baby. per day. Looking on the bright side, if the pregnancy lasted 25 weeks, and all eight babies were born alive, they may only need two to three months' intensive care, a snip at between £278,000 and

2372,000. Panline Bagg. Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9.

AWOMAN carrying eight footuses is being offered huge sums of money by prolife groups to carry all eight to term. Informed medical opinion is that if such a course of action is undertaken none of the foetuses will survive. This woman is, in effect, being offered a for-tune to have a late termination. (Dr) Eleanor Scott.

Meon Close, Petersfield, Hants GU32.

THE UK Turner Syndrome Society would like to correct the impression that (Letters, August 13). It is not. Although 99 per cent of foe-tuses abort spontaneously. there are 1,000-2,500 girls born with the syndrome. Statistically, there are some 9,000 women with Turner syndrome in the UK. The condition is one of the commonest chromosomal disorders with a lack or abnormality of the second X chromosome and is caused by an accident

It can affect those with the condition in varying degrees. Arlene Smyth. Chairperson, UK Turner Syndrome

Child Growth Foundation. 2 Mayfield Avenue, London W4 1PW,

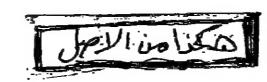
JOANNA Coles's interview (August 10) misses the point with regard to contraception. The culture of contraception is a keystone in the western obsession with convenience and self-fulfilment. It appears to offer sex without responsibility but cannot do so without abortion as its backstop for when things go "wrong."
Daniel and Alison Bath.
Cambridge University
Pro-Life Group.
Clare College, Cambridge.

A Country Diary

CHILTERNS: The seasonal birds depend? For humans, at bearing of the trees here is almost eerily healthy. Last and bushy in August is a welAugust, every deciduous come change. Even the multispecies was in a state of disar-ray — weather-beaten, leaves chewed to tatters by preda-tors, or withered by mould, or shed prematurely to reduce water-loss during drought. Beech foliage had turned to translucent brown partyment translucent brown parchment the green tissue grazed away by aphids. Cherry leaves, struck by fireblight, hung on the trees like used tea-bags. This year, despite the continu-ting drought all is still land. ing drought, all is still lush, pristing greenness, just touched with the first lemony autumnal tones. But I'm not sure it is as good a sign as it seems on the surface. Leaves ought to have been munched ragged by now, and the fact that they haven't may be wor-tying evidence about insect populations. They seem thick enough at ground-level (but terflies especially); but did the cold, gloomy spring disrupt the breeding cycles of leaf-grazing wash and grazing wasp and moth species, on which so many

come change. Even the multi-tudes of saplings planted along our local bypass seem to be flourishing and putting out long, leading shoots, despite the paucity of water. But the oddest sproutings are the lawns of oaklings on some road verges and field edges. along our local bypass seem to These are the result of the unprecedented acorn crop last autumn and are curiously attractive, like three-dimensional William Morris curpets. They couldn't be literally mown, but some ingenious snipping could produce some bizarre knot-hedges and mazes to confound landscape historians. Many of these inch-high thickets are where horse owners dumped sack-loads of acorus out of reach of their animals, and simply allowing them to grow into ordinary hedges would be a bonus in the bleak treeless landscape of fenced paddocks that now surrounds most Chiltern villages.

RICHARD MABEY



Diary

Matthew Norman

World Books Of ..., the latest money spin ning venture of that "constitutional expert" Rarold Brooks-Baker, continues to thrive. These personalised guides to global families make the perfect gift for the would-be genealogist, and as we learnt from Lib-Dem whip Lord Tordoff, whose personalised in the three terror and the control of the personalised invitation to buy was addressed to Mr Tordoff, Harry hardly exag gerates when he boasts of the highly sophisticated computer resources" and "knowledge and talent of immunerable skilled individuals" that go into each opus. Take the World Book of Sudburys. George Sudbury writes from Win-chester to report that his World Book told him that there are more clan members in Ontario than else-where in Canada—and, in-deed, he found no fewer than 13. And who are they, these long-lost relatives? Well, there's Bingo Sudbury and Karting Sudbury, uncle Welding Sudbury and dear old cousin Truck Sudbury, Window Sudbury and little Vascular Sudbury. As George notes, all his relatives appear to come from the Ontarian town of . . . Sudbury. Spooky.

BSERVANT citizens of Stuttgart have no-ticed fewer dogs on the streets recently. According to Dogs Today maga-zine, a worried woman asked a police officer to look out for her missing mongrel during his night patrol. If he found it, she begged, could he possibly drop it down her coal chute? He passed the message on to colleagues and the next morning, she descended to the cellar to find herself the proud owner of no fewer than seven confused dogs.

ONSPIRACY theorists continue to muse on the location of that they wonder, could it possi bly have appeared in the magazine owned by Geoffrey Robinson, provider of Mr Tony Blair's holiday homes and, apparently, an ambitious and ultra-loyal MP? One explanation is that Ian Hargreaves is a far the New Statesman than he was of the Independent, and that he simply adores run-ning articles dangerous to Mr Blair without his proprietor's consent. The second notes that the midwife in the magazine's production was Ed Balls. Gordon Brown's clos viser, and that Mr Robinson himself may be even closer to Mr Brown than to Mr Blair. Even to consider this theory, however, is to imply a factional element to New Labour that would, quite rightly, be met by the most rapid of rebuttals.

PEAKING of which, the Mandy Mandelson errand boy Oofy Wegg-Prosser, chernbic leader of New Labour's PG Wodehouse wing, set a per-sonal best yesterday. He dismissed a strong rumour that Mandy spent much of the summer in pre-season training with Hartlepool United (and that he hopes to appear occasionally at cen-tre-half) with a "No" unofilcially timed at 0.625 seconds. Once again, however, as with last week's ZZ Top beard inquiry, he failed to check with Mandy himself. No doubt the young pup knows what he's doing, but it does seem to me to be tak-ing a terrible risk.

IPLING would be watching my sane and rational friend Paul Johnson exceedingly closely today, for hot on the heels of his triumph (the confident prediction that outer space will soon be co-lonised) he has suffered a disaster. Paul has lost the editorship of the Catholic Herald he so coveted to Deborah Jones, deputy editor of Priests & People magazine. Rumours that his affection for Moonie-style mass weddings counted against him are unconfirmed. Then again, they are unrebutted.

K! Magazine arrives, and we scamper to . Brandreth's Brainstorm. The Chester MP has surpassed himself this week with puzzle number five. Name Check. Beside pictures of Nigel Benn, Ben Elton and Elton John, Gyles asks: "Can you work out the connection between them?"



An invitation to the Rt Hon John Gummer Those killjoys from the Ramblers Association may think the countryside is good for nothing but carting socks about in rucksacks, but the

Commentary Catherine Bennett

FTER a nice beef-burger, there is noth-ing John Gummer loves more than the environment. He wants to defend it from global warming, ugly wind-farms and out-oftown shopping centres. He wants to make the land safe for cabbage beetles, dormice and skylarks. And now this righteous champion of rural bio-diversity has acted on be-

no-diversity has acted on behalf of another endangared species: the motor-boats of Windermere.

Their preferred habitat—a narrow, 10-mile stretch of water—has long been threatened by the combined forces of the combined forces. of the Countryside Commis-sion, the National Trust, the Lake District National Park Authority, and from any number of residents and visi-tors who claim that the shrick of power-boats and jet-skis is detrimental to peace and

Last year, after a 13-week public inquiry, an independent inspector upheld a proposed speed limit of 10 mph. their rights. They have a

He concluded that speedboats and waterskiing were incom-patible with nearly all the other recreations on Windermere. But John Gummer has just overruled this recomjust overruled this recommendation, claiming that it would "deny a substantial number of users the full use of an important stretch of water over which there is a public right to navigation". This minority right clearly outweighed the right of millions of other visitors to enjoy those remnants of tranquillity and beauty the region lity and beauty the region

Gummer's decision will no doubt bring joy and comfort to those other tribes of leisure-seekers, from trail-bik-ers to jeep-drivers, for whom no visit to the countryside is complete without a straining engine and maximum disrupengine and maximum disrup-tion of the landscape. Four-wheel-drive enthusiasts, for example, have endured mounting criticism from walkers, who complain that convoys of belching jeeps are not only unpleasing to the senses, but ruinous to the land, reducing green lanes to rutted quagmires. In a Which proof last was all of Which? report last year, all of Britain's national parks said they had suffered damage from these vehicles. "There are some parts of the park that look like the Somme,"

right to make verdant tracks look like the Somme. If a remote, grassy path was once open for "vehicular use" — for example, by horse-drawn carts or charlots, then it is also at the mercy of their also at the mercy of their Cherokees and Range Rovers. In Hampshire, the fact that a lane was used by vehicles in the Napoleonic Wars, now makes it available for 4WD

makes it available for 4WD pulverisation.

Among the iron-age forts and neolithic burial chambers in the Pembrokeshire Coast national park, off-road drivers claimed a right to erode another track, on the basis that it that it had been a Roman road. They were only banned after a public inquiry exposed these claims to vehic ular antiquity as an 18th-cen-tury fraud. A relieved mem-her of the Welsh Ramblers Association said the jeeps had made "quiet enjoyment" impossible.

But quiet enjoyment is not a right, is it? Not like the right to trail-bike, or race speed-boats, or plough five-foot ruts into a public bridleway. Last year, Lord Norrie inserted an amend-Northe inserted an amend-ment to the Environment Bill, stating that one purpose of the national parks was to pro-mote "opportunities for the quiet enjoyment and under-standing of the special quali-ties of those places by the

public". But the the word "quiet" was expunged, at Gummer's

behest. After all, it was argued, who is to say that quiet enjoyment is what the parks, or for that matter, the coun-

Tourist Board regards it as an industrial resource, while the Sports Council prefers to see it as a giant sports centre, or playground, in which a wit-less desire to be whizzed around at high speed is con-sidered quite as ennobling as physical activity. Borrowing the language of the early ramblers, each group talks about its right to do as it pleases on the land. As the information officer of the noise-polluters' lobby, the Land Access and Recreation Association, said recently: "Democracy isn't just about the majority rules OK." Well, actually that is what democracy means: it means the people as a whole

Golfers hate crusties. Waterskiers prefer Windermere. Ramblers like to

start from a car-park

decide, rather than any class or interest group.

For all the conflict about what constitutes enjoyment, there exists a broad consen-sus that the countryside should be a peaceful, unspoilt place, and a firm idea of the differences between the ideally rustic (quiet) and the grimly urban (noisy); between essential bucolic noise (tractors, sheep) and spurious noise (jeeps, motorblkes).

If not, why do polls of city dwellers repeatedly reveal the job-description.

their longing to live in cot-tages in the countryside?
Naturally, people are incon-sistant. Golfers hate crusties.
Trail-bikers want to judder through unspoilt country, far from smelly roads. Water-skiers prefer Windermere to a gravel pit. Ramblers like to start from a car-park, not a measly park 'n ride scheme. Even the former Environ-ment Secretary, Michael Howard, allowed a controver-Howard, allowed a controver sial Center Parc at Longleat ural beauty, then opposed a similar complex in Lyminge Forest, close to his home. His reason? It was in an area of

reason: It was in a tree countries outstanding natural beauty.

Two years ago, the Council for the Protection of Rural England warned that the leisure industry presented as much threat to rural Britain as housing interests farming as housing, intensive farming and shopping centres. Gum-mer's latest indulgence of the leisure industry can only confirm its fears. But there is room for compromise. Noisy sports need not be banned entirely, merely confined to designated areas, where the land-scape has nothing to lose, or the residents positively ap-plaud the invasion. With his admiration for water sports. Gummer could only welcome a full-size racing-lake beside his own home, near Deben-ham in Suffolk. The speedboaters could not begrudge 4WD drivers their track around the banks, while the additional blasts from an aerodrome and shooting range would be rendered vir-tually inaudible in the happy roar from a newly-built holi-day village, Selwyn Parc. As for permission: if an ancient track can become a 4WD highway, Gummer's historic pond can surely be extended into a speed-boat centre. Anyway, isn't he Secretary of State for

the Environment? As he

Target-men with nowhere to hide



David McKie

the spring of 1957 I was walking down Park Row, Leeds, with a copy of the Yorkshire Evening Post in my hand, when a man came up and said: "Has he gone?" He didn't say who he meant; he didn't need to. What had happened? The death of a king? No, something far more himportant; our centrales. important: our centre-for-ward, John Charles, was on his way to Juventus for a world record £55,000.

Charles signed for Leeds on his 16th birthday, played his first game, at centre-half, at 17, and was capped by Wales at 18. There wasn't much doubt on the Elland Road ter-races that we had before us. formightly, one of the great-est centre-halves in the world. est centre-halves in the world.
And then, because United weren't scoring goals, they switched him to centre-forward. He proceeded to score 42 goals in a season (1953-54), a record which still stands. This was only the second division but that didn't didn't diminate. ision, but that didn't diminish our pride in him. And I'm sure that the sense of mourning which settled over the city when Juventus finally came for him could never have been the same had he never played centre-forward. I thought of John Charles. who would, I suppose, have been paid the maximum Football League wage of £20 a week, when Alan Shearer left Blackburn for Newcastle for a record £15 million. He'll be earning more in a year than many earn in a lifetime; a reported £2 million a year — more than £8, on the Sun's who can't cross the ball, but once this magic has gone, he will not be forgiven. Every saturday afternoon, for a centre-forward. That is nothing new. The very first £500 transfer. new. The very first £500 transfer, from Sheffield United to Sunderland (1904), and the front of a crowd of drought-first £1,000 payment, by Mid-stricken consumers, standdlesbrough to Sunderland (1905), both involved the same player. Alf Common — not, strictly speaking, a centre-forrather than number 9 - but a transfer. He lasted 11 games.

will return. As he did; but the magic was not what it had been, since Syd was now 37. oeen, since Syd was now 37.

That centre-forwards should enjoy such pre-eminence is hardly surprising. It's the goalscorers who more than anyone else draw the crowds and get the whole stadium on its feet with that crowds and get the whole sta-dium on its feet with that great triumphant "yes!" which, except for goalkeepers in penalty shoot-outs, rarely comes the way of others. Cen-tre-forwards, like few other players, can create the feel-good factor not just in a club but across a city or town. It doesn't take great interna-tional players to do it. Wally Ardron in the late 1940s put a glow in the heart of Rotherglow in the heart of Rother-ham, as Terry Bly did into Peterborough in the 60s or Steve Bull into Wolverhamp-

ton in the 80s.
Clubs who buy centre-forwards like Shearer are looking to buy esteem as well as success. When people rail against the rewards that the fat cats of industry, especially privatised industry, choose to award themselves, Tory back-bench MPs often ask why it is that these people are pillo-ried, while far bigger earnings in sport and entertainment are taken for granted.
Why, they ask, is Cedric Brown's £490,000 a year at British Gas (before he left with a £4 million pension pension) indeed "obscene" package) judged "obscene", when Alan Shearer's £6 million goes uncondemped ex-cept from pulpits of Stark-adder-like austerity?

HERE'S one obvious reason: centre-forwards are publicly and contin-uously accountable in a way entirely beyond the experience of even the most belea-guered executive, or for that matter, politicians. If they don't deliver, the whole world knows. There is nowhere to hide. A centre-forward who is not scoring goals may blame it for a while on supply-side doesn't have to perform in

After five years in Italy, John Charles, amidst rapturous public acclaim, returned to Elland Road on a £53,000 goal-scorer, who Middles- Something - most fans brough bet (as it turned out, blamed the pasta, in those correctly) would save them days still an alien concept in correctly) would save them from relegation. The first \$5,000 deal, in 1922, took Syd Puddefoot from West Ham to (amazingly) Falkirk. This was a famous goalscorer, so revered by West Ham supporters that within weeks of his departure, the sort of rumour began to circulate which had once attached itself to King Arthur and Rmself to King Arthur and Em-the King was going, they peror Charlemagne. He is not dead, but sleepeth: one day he

Gun lobby on the run

Despite his defeat in committee, Chris Mullin is confident Parliament will eventually ban handguns and toughen controls on other types of weapons

select committee rigidly along party lines. The funding of political parties was the first — for reasons we can all guess. Yesterday's report on guns is the other.
As our inquiry progressed it became clear that there is a considerable overlap between the sun lobby and the Conserthe gun lobby and the Conser vative Party. Given the mas sive vested interests involved. it was never very likely that the Tories could take on the gun lobby — despite Dun-blane. We can be disap-pointed, but we should not be surprised. Several points struck me

ownership is truly astonish-ing — 1.9 million. And that does not include several million airguns -- which are res-ponsible for a lot of low-level

N THE last four years just two issues have split the Home Affairs select committee winds. recent massacre in Tasmania. No amount of bluster about the use by criminals of guns obtained on the black market

have been made for tighten-ing up the certification proce-dure. Some are impractiacal, some sensible. At the end of tht day, however, most amount to no more than tin-kering. The key question is kering. The key question is are saying is that it will sig-whether private citizens | nificantly reduce the possibil-view and that of my Labour

dictive towards the shooting fraternity. We recognise that a lot of decent people derive innocent pleasure from sports such as target-shooting. Where it can be demonstrated that weapons can be centrally stored in a secure locations we have no objection. We emphasise, however, that the onus will be on shooters to demonstrate that their weapons can be safely stored. Faced with a choice between public safety and the convenience of shooters, public safety must be paramount. It has been argued that most weapons used for criminal purposes — though not of course those used by Thomas Hamilton — are held illegally. This is certainly true. No one is claiming that a ban on handguns is a panacea. All we

members have grasped it. We enormous number of shot-have no desire to appear vin-dictive towards the shooting them in rural areas. Shot-limit on who may own one. I guns in circulation, not all of them in rural areas. Shottguns, too, are capable of inflicting serious damage. They can be rapidly reloaded. They frequently feature in suicides, accidents and crime. Even during the short period of the select committee inquiry there were two serious incidents involving shortguns in or near my constituency. The farmers, in their evidence to farmers, in their evidence to the committee, argued that "any" restrictions on owner-ship or access to firearms would have a damaging effect on the interests of their members. Every sensible person will recognise that for most farmers a shotgun is an essential tool in coping with foxes, rabbits and other pests. I do not, however, understand why people who live in urban areas should be allowed to keep shotguns at home. In my

The weapons used by Thomas Hamilton at Dunblane were foreibly during the course of our inquiry. First, the quantity of legally-held handguns, rifles and shotguns in private

crime and for which no licence is required. Second, that licences are granted to just about everybody who applies. Last year only 1 and containing that which carried most weight with 1 about 1 and 1 plies. Last year only 1 per members — came from the cent of applications were refused. In addition, only were unequivocal: "No about one-fifth of 1 per cent of amount of further amendall applications for renewals were rejected. Finally, there

also do something to reverse the growing gun culture in this country. The British Shooting Sports Council, in its evidence to the committee spoke with apparent approval of a "vast explosion" in the use of handguns for sporting purposes in the last 25 years.
Not everyone will regard this
as an entirely healthy development. I would like to see
the trend reversed.

should be allowed to store the handguns at home. The wrong hands.

A ban on handguns may cates should be issued to no further shotgun certifi-cates should be issued to people living in urban areas. As for airguns, anyone who lives or works in one of the poorer urban areas will con-firm, they are frequently mis-used. A woman who worked for me once had her front windows shot out by youths cruising around in a car taking pot shots at anything or anyone that caught their eye. Although not capable of inwere rejected. Finally, there is no escape from the central handguns, will ... ensure that fact that the weapons used by Thomas Hamilton at Dunblane were all legally held. So were the weapons used by be grasped and the Labour far enough. There are an cause serious injury. Incredi-

cost too much. On the con-trary, it ought to be self-financing. Who knows, it might even make a small profit.

What happens next is anyone's guess. Lord Cullen holds the key. If he were to recommend a ban on hand-guns, it would be politically impossible for the Govern-ment to avoid the issue. No doubt there would be much wailing and gnashing of teeth from the vested interests and their friends within the Tory Party. Probably there would have to be a free vote, but one way or the other it would go through.

If Lord Cullen comes down against a ban and in favour of tinkering with the existing system, the Government would still face difficulty. Any legislation on gun con-trol is bound to be amended by the Opposition. Any amendment calling for a ban on handguns is bound to attract the support of some Conservatives, their minds no doubt concentrated by the proximity of a general elec-tion. No one should underestimate the power of the gun lobby or its influence within the Conservative Party. All the same, we have them on the run.

Chris Mullin MP is the member of

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Artist of diplomacy

of the modern Brit-ish diplomat as he or she is and should be rather than as so persistently misrepresented by the popular press and populist politiand approachable, irreverent and impatient of protocol, hugely popular with col-leagues and staff, and infectime he cared deeply about two of the most critical and enduring causes of our time

Middle East peace for Palestine in particular, and the role of the United Nations. He sional life to promoting pro-gress and public understand-ing in these areas, both during his diplomatic career and in retirement.

Although he came to international prominence only in his last two posts which he held at critical moments ador to Iran during the last five years of the Shah's reign and ambassador at the UN during the Falk-lands war — Parsons had earlier played an important role in the formulation of British foreign policy as an undersecretary of state between 1974-79, and before that as political agent in Bahrain in the final years of Britain's special position in the Gulf.

On retirement, after a spell as Margaret Thatcher's special adviser on foreign affairs, he resisted the common temptation to take up a second career in business or the City - or even in public affairs apart from a period on the board of the British Council - in favour of family life

There he taught politics at Exeter University and through his writings and especially broadcasts acquired a national reputation as an authoritative commentator on international affairs. Although with the passage of time others may have had more up-to-date expertise to offer, he remained the favourite resort of TV and radio programmes for an instant and perceptive soundbite on the latest crisis delivered in

his distinctive gravelly voice. Parsons came to diplomacy relatively late, after what began as a professional army career. His family, Angio-

ONY Parsons, who has died aged 73, was the very model of the modern British from 1940, winning Qashn; but while he sensed gunner from 1940, wirning the MC in Italy, that took him to the Middle East and stimulated what became his life-long interest in the region. Seconded to a gendarmerle force composed almost en-tirely of Arabs, he was ini-tially involved in supervising the French withdrawal from Syria, and then spent three years in Palestine culminat-ing in what he described as He had meanwhile ac



Perhaps his greatest single achievement was the cease-fire and Argentine withdrawal from the

Falklands in 1982

quired a regular commission but seized the army's offer of a two-year break to complete his degree at Balliol College, Oxford. Frustrated in his real ambition to read English Literature ("the Army isn't going to pay you as a captain to spout poetry"), he settled for Arabic and Turkish, graduated with a First, and after resisting pressure to return to "proper soldiering" contrived to be posted to the embassy in Baghdad as assis-tant military attaché, on condition that he renounced any promotion prospects beyond the rank of major. This was not the last occasion on which he found it necessary to give a helping hand in

the underlying current of dis-content with the regime and

content with the regime and the British connection, he enjoyed, like most people in such situations, the congenial quasi-colonial lifestyle.

The Army's loss was the Foreign Office's gain, manifested in a sensibly prompt transfer to Ankara in the political section of the embassy, where he spent four interesting years. He moved on to Amman and thence to Cairo Amman and thence to Cairo in 1960, for once in the wake rather than ahead of crisis, as part of the small team that Haroid Beeley as ambassaddr re-established British relations with Egypt after Suez. Succeeding him there is the job of press attaché, I was struck by the excellent relations that he had built up with the Egyptian media de-spite the continuing political roideur between Britain and Egypt: this was in stark contrast to the experience of our French colleagues, whose in-cautious press briefings led

to the arrest and trial of their entire mission. In 1961 the Foreign Office nearly lost Parsons when he offered his resignation rather than accept a marginal job in London, but second thoughts produced the change of scene he had sought, with responsi-bility for Latin American afairs. He told me later that he rather regretted the official change of heart as he had been looking forward to en-tering the academic world and possibly also politics. A posting thereafter to Kharoum looked suspiciously like rustication, but it proved the opposite when he was caught up in the popular riots that

overthrew the military

regime of General Abboud, a

foretaste of Tehran 15 years

The four years that Parsons spent in Bahrain, from 1965, were possibly the most satisfying both personally and professionally of his career. Although the abrupt decision lished policy, if not publicly announced. Parsons had the hardest task since the conse vative ruler Shalkh Isa had no wish to change the status Irish on both sides, had be determining the course of his quo, and it was made immea minated after two senior ap ceeded brilliantly.

tions in New York accepted over the breach of the minisleft his heart in Bahrain his | a graphic account and analysis of the revolution, partly as he put it to exorcise the memfive years in Tehran (1974-79) were, in his words, the most

terial assurances he had repeated to the Bahrainis only weeks before, and it was a tribute to the close relation ship he had established with the Bahraini leaders that they dissuaded him from doing so. Before leaving the island he was involved in preparing for the referendum that led to the Shah's abandoning his claim to Bahrain, and from his next post, in to withdraw from East of New York, as counsellor to Suez was still three years the UK mission (1969-71), he ahead, it was already estabhad the satisfaction of wit-nessing Bahrain's admission

Parsons' growing involve-ment with the UN, which cullonged to what George Orwell carser.

As part of the substantial middle class, serving mainly in India, and Parsons grew up in the assumption that he in the assumption that he in the substantial in the assumption that he in the substantial in the British government, in a contemplated resigning in 1968, at the British government, in a contemplated resigning in 1968, at the British government, in a contemplated resigning in 1968, at the British government, in and hindsight wisdom that in the substantial in the British government, in and hindsight wisdom that in the British government in the British government in the British government in the British government

absorbing and compelling ex-perience of his diplomatic life. Parsons was never an uncritical admirer of the Shah, and I recall that in our last talk before he left for Tehran he asked rhetorically what we were supposed to do about the Shah as he was clearly riding for a fall.

Once in Tehran, however he came under the famous imperial spell, at least to the extent of determining to exploit the already close relationship to the best advantage of British interests both commercial and politi-cal, an aim in which he suc-

ory of the crisis but espe-cially to address the question whether he could have foreseen and forewarned of events as they developed. His answer was a qualified no, on the grounds that it would have been impossible either to probe too deeply into Iran-ian domestic affairs or to

damage to Western interests. Even with the advantage of to dispute that judgment. Parsons' greatest single diplomatic achievement was perhaps to secure the passage

Gomez. The move came too

late. Young officers agreed with Spinols, and after an

abortive march on Lisbon by one regiment soon after Spi-nola's dismissal, the April 25

coup followed. Its success

placed Spinola in temporary charge of the country as head

of the junta, with Gomez as

his deputy.
The first few days following

the coup showed vividly that the people and the soldiers of Portugal believed victory had been for the left against the

right. It was an understand-able feeling after 48 years of oppressive dictatorship dur-ing which leftwingers had been imprisoned and assassi-

nated by the PIDE, the secret

Spinola's junta made no

move to curb the demonstra-tions and the general swiftly

press a liberalising policy on

the Shah before it was too

late, without courting severe

the British case, it was his eloquence and advocacy both public and private that dis armed the opposition. Barlier he had played a key

role in shepherding through the Security Council the Lancaster House agreement on the then Rhodesia, with the accompanying and controversial removal of sanctions, and then securing unanimous support for the admission of Zimbabwe to UN membership. Although he was deeply involved in negotiating other, mostly African, issues at the UN he had, through the resolution of these two cases, virtually completed the removal last "de-colonisation" items ffecting Britsin.

His achievements were to have been recognised by his appointment as ambassador in Washington in succession

nola made no acknowledge-ment of the return of Cunbal, the Communist Party leader who had been exiled for 20

years. Despite his soldiers' brandishing of red hammer and sickle flags on their rifles

during May Day celebrations, Spinola made it clear he was

Assuming power in May, Spinola lasted five months as president. But contradictions between his own conservative

lution's leaders led to his res-

ignation in protest against

rushed attempts to dismantle

The following year he was

implicated in a military coup and fled to Brazil. Returning

monocle still firmly in place.

Antonio Sebastiao Ribeiro de

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claimed "A record month! Hav-

no tool of the left.

the colonial empire.

Anthony Pearson

So in March 1974, Castano | warning to extremists on the dismissed Spinola and his left, chief of staff, General Costa | It was significant that Spi-

Man with a mission . . . UN envoy Sir Anthony arriving at Heathrow in May 1982. He and Britain's other ambassador in the US. Sir Nicholas Henderson, bad been recalled by Mrs Thatcher for talks over the Palklands crisis

to Sir Nicholas Henderson He accepted the nomination with some reluctance, wary of the innumerable non-poluical demands of the post, and only for so long as Lord Car-rington, for whom he had the highest regard, remained foreign Secretary, he with-drew when the latter resigned. There was no publicity, and no embarrassment

on any side.

Likewise, when Mrs
Thatcher asked him on his
retirement from the Diplomatic Service to become her special adviser on foreign af-fairs at No 10, he accepted on the understanding that he would serve only for the period of about a year, which he judged necessary to develop a better pattern of relations between No 10 and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which at the time were manifestly under strain, He duly left No 10 after the 1983 election, with, as he told me, no hard feelings and no regrets, to pursue his academic interests and Exeter

and to write a few books. His last book, From Cold War to Hot Peace, contained a critique of UN interventions in international conflicts over the past 50 years, with some conclusions and predictions. That he was able to cast these in broadly positive terms owes much to the innate optimism and even idealism which he shared with Brian Urguhart. In so far as they were negative, he attrib-uted the blame for the UN's shortcomings, not to the charter or the organisation but to the defects of its most powerful members.

Parsons was above all a family man, devoted to his wife Shella. Although they were profoundly affected by the premature deaths, within the past decade, of their two sons, they derived great comfort and support from their two daughters. In a letter sent only three days ago he wrote to me that when he got mar-ried nearly 50 years ago. "All I wanted to do was live happily ever after: I'm still work-ing on it despite the blasted cancer!" Though he has lost the battle, his distinguished place in the annals of interna tional and Middle East diplomacy is surely secure, as is his memory in the undying affections of his friends.

Sir Anthony Derrick Parsons diplomat, born September 9, 1922; died August 12, 1996

Death Notices

LIDENGTON, Bruce - Actor and National Chairman of Familius Neud Fathers Passed away poaconally in this sleep during August 8th. The turneal will take place at Alf Saints Church, Depréga Rood, Horrow Whald on Monday 19th August at 2 30pm Evoryone is welcome to attend All impurious to Sradley & Jones, 7 Love Lanu Pinner, Tatephone 0181 866 0388 Primer: Talephone utal 866 total
STRINGER, Townes, on August 5th, on holiday in libly and of Brambal Cheshwe aged 65 vears RIP The dearth laved husband of Greyneth, beloved talter of Grey, Danky and the tale Marie Helen and dearest brother of Irene, and the Jate Roy Service in St. Ann's Church, Cheeter Road, Strelland, Manchester on Friday, August 16th at 10 50am, followed by Interruption at Strelland, Manchester on Friday, August 16th at 10 50am, followed by Interruption at Strelland, Camptery 11 00am Family Rowers only please but donations if desired to the Friends of Pendiebury Children's Hospital Danations and enquiries to Francis P. Fay, 40a Thomas Street, Strolland, Greater Manchester 0161 865 2182

In Memoriam

Linical. Cassian, on August 14th 1991 deepty loved by Andrea, Amber, Jamos, his tamily and brends "Could I but leach the hundrecht part of what from thee I learn".

in 1976, he spent the rest of his life in quiet retirement appearing only on anniversa-ries of the revolution to ac-cept his cheers as a hero, his

Births

Engagements

MR AJG STITT/MB HM HAPDINGS The engagement is amounced between Alexandr. on of Mr and Mrs John Stitt of Barnes, London, and Molissa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenn Hardingo of Krutskord, Cheshire.

Letter

John Anstey writes: Further to Diana Rowntree's obituary of Jane Drew (July 31), meeting Diana on her return from Jane's funeral reminded me lunch at the Rowntrees she told us the story of how she left her first husband. It took her a long time to pluck up the courage to tell her mother, but when, in fear and trembling, she did, her mother replied, "Thank good-ness you have told me: that has given me the courage to leave your father."

Birthdays

Fred Davis, snooker player, 82: Buddy Greco, singer, 69; Frederic Raphael, author, 64: Joyce Rose, chairman, Magis-trates Association, 66; The Rt Rev Hewlett Thompson, Bishop of Exeter, 66; Lord Whaddon, Liberal Democrat peer and collector of limer-icks, 68; Sydney Wooderson, former athlete, world mile st former athlete, world mile record-holder, 1937, 81.

Antonio de Spinola

Monocled mutineer

ENERAL Antonio
Spinola, who has
died aged 88, was the
improbable hero of
ortugal's 1974 revolution. A
oldier who was chosen by
the leftwing leaders of the
sevolution as the first presicollege in Lishon, his fruidt, the fighting under control. Portugal's 1974 revolution. A soldier who was chosen by the leftwing leaders of the revolution as the first president of the newly democratic state, Spinola with his mono-cle screwed into his right eye and his swagger stick tucked under his right arm, became an unlikely and short-lived focus for what became known as Portugal's Revolution of the Carnations.
A man of the right, it was

Spinola's attitude to Portu-gal's overseas territories that set him against the dictator-ship of Marcelo Caetano and made him the focus of army discontent. His book, Portu-gal and the Future, a critique of the dictatorship's African policy, was published in Feb-ruary 1974 and was one of the

you have the same need. Therefore we shall not impair

your space; please do not im-

way, please tell us. It is an ethical principle for us to ex-

message from extraterrestrial life, who will speak for Earth

for Extraterrestrial Intellige (SETI) Institute (who listen, rather than look for aliens).

Blue murder

Q: WHAT is a blue light

A: Say you're the manager of a K-Mart stuck with a couple of

college in Liebon, he fought on Franco's side during the Spanish Civil War and went to Germany for training in Hitler's army. His father was a senior official under Salazar and Salazar a and Spinola's own politics were always on the right ex-cept over the question of the

overseas territories.

His great political dream
was of a multi-racial federation of Portuguese states — a
"Lustanian community" with the overseas territories maintaining a degree of autonomy including their own parliaments but with the final control of foreign policy, defence and economy vested in Lisbon

the fighting under control and deployed his troops to and deployed his troops to public works rather than the pursuit of guerrillas. He had also pushed forward a suc-cessful military Africanisa-tion programme that had resulted in half the Guinea army being composed of

black troops.
On his return to Portugal, Spinola found the country in a worse state than he had imagined, jeopardising its future in Europe by throwing away 40 per cent of its annual budget on the colonial wars. Determined to make his point, Spinola wrote and pub-lished his controversial book in which he stated that the

sale. Soon a crowd forms.

Some people start to panic as they try to decide if they can

pass up on a bargain that's only going to last for five min-ures. Consumer mayhem en-sues. The clerk, armed with



Out of Africa . . . Spinola criticised foreign policy

African wars could not be solved by force. "To want to win a war of subversion by means of a military solution is to accept defeat in advance unless one possesses unlim-ited capacity to prolong the war indefinitely." Caetano allowed the publi-

cation of the book, it was said, to use as a test of public reaction, but he did not antic-ipate how favourable the reaction would be to Spinola.

brought back exiled socialist leader Mario Soares who was then dispatched on a diplo-matic mission to London to gain recognition for the provisional government. He wanted to show that cooperation existed between the left and the junta; it was also a

police.

Spinola, soldier and politician. born April 11, 1910; dled August 13, 1996 butt's not too big for them to be headed "Bollocks!! No, it's photographing it, then it shouldn't be too big for me." true!" and gave details of say.

thing you want me to, as long as I don't have to speak." Linda Evangelista. On Tragedy: "The worst was when my skirt fell down to my ankles — but I had on thick black tights." Naomi. Wise words in Bikini

On Versatility: "I can do any-

Ad rage

advertisement in the Star and SA Times International for a telephone company. It was



COMPLAINT: Objection to an

ing agreed sales in March on £40,000,000 of local property
... The complainants challenged the claim. Ajudication: Complaint up-beld. The advertisers admitted that it was inaccurate.

Complaint: Objection to an advertisement in the Radio Times for Corgi Classic model cars. It included the "Buster" Jaguar and claimed "Hand over the cash for Buster's sleek Mosning models . . . Bikini | getaway Jag from the Great | Train Robbery'. The complainant objected that the advertisement was offensive and sought to capitalise on a vicious crime, the Great Train Robbery, Ajudication: Not upheld

Complaint: Objection to an advertisement for Competitors Companion, a sales promotion magazine, that offered a oneyear subscription refund to those who finished a small crossword puzzle within three minutes. The advertisement claimed "Completed the entire grid within three minutes." grid within three minutes. Well done, you fall into an exclusive top 2 per cent." The complainant, who believed the puzzle was extremely easy, challenged whether only 2 per cent of the population could do it within three minutes. Ajudication: Upheld. A jew examples of what the Advertising standards Authority has to deal with, printed in the

ASA monthly report. Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdawa guurdian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon

Road, London ECIR 3ER. **Emily Sheffield**

Jackdaw



• "WE SHALL not harm

• "We shall not permit you to harm us."
• "If harm is done unwittingly, we shall restore your

integrity as fully as we can."

We regard you and ourselves as equals, neither you nor we are superior, neither you nor we are inferior." "If we promise something.

we shall keep our word; If you promise something please do • "We have the will to live;

sional space; we realise that

hundred Happy Clown dolls that at full price, seem to repel shoppers, so you put a blue light next to them and anwe realise and appreciate that nounce over the store PA sys-tem that you have a sale that you do as well." "We need three-dimen-

Q: Why, at K-Mart, do I feel drawn to a blue light special?' A: When people notice the Blue Beacon of Savings, it's like seeing the flashing police lights at the scane of a car acci-dent. Rubber-necking custom- "If we can help you in any ethical principle for us to ex-tend help to you." Extracts from the "Declaration of Principles Concerning Send-ing Communications to Extra-terrestrial Intelligence"—a document which lays out, come that fateful day when we get a tent. Kninger-hecking custom-ers are just setting a closer-look at a retailing accident, the scene where some optimistic but misguided buyer bought too many Happy Clown dolls. Q: Is there another reason flashing blue lights have such a powerful effect on me? A: Being the symbol of anthorand what they will say. Might magazine allegedly obtained the document from the Search

ity, flashing lights lend an air of official sanction and urof others sanction and in-gency to the shopping milieu. They tell shoppers this is no ordinary markdown, but one that has recieved approval from the highest chains of coin mand, maybe even the district vice-president of sales. People itel special thinking that they happened to be at K-Mart at just the right time to receive this fabulous discount on a one of a kind item. It's some thing to brag about. Q: Please explain crowd behaviour during a blue light

special?
A: It begins with a few people cruising by to see what's on

nothing but a pricing gun, is mobbed as mad shoppers de-mand their discounts. Finally, sweaty and dazed, the con-sumer victims escape the scene to ponder why they bought a Happy Clown doll for a five per cent discount when they don't even know any kids to give it to. Q: Do blue-light specials have any ritualistic elements remi-niscent of religious rites?

A: Yes, a blue-light special al-ways begins with a prayer. In most Christian denominations, prayers begin with three words, "Let us pray". A blue-light special begins with the three words, "Attention, K-Mart shoppers". A religious prayer is usually an appeal to God or a thanksgiving for blessings received. In an-nouncing the blue-light special, the store manager appeals to our baser consumer

tude that we live in a great land where no one has to pay full retail price on selected Nancy's magazine illuminates for its readers the hidden mean ing of blue in E-Mart.

Model lines

ON COURAGE: 'They were swimsuit and I thought, "Oh, my god. I have to be so brave." See every woman hates herself fom behind." Cindy Crawford. On Self-Knowledge; "Every-where I went my cleavage fol-lowed. But I learned I am not my cleavage." Carole Mallory. On Poverty: "Everyone should have enough money to get plastic surgery." Beverly

On Fate: "I wish my butt did not go sideways, but I guess I have to face that." Chrissie

Brinkley.
On Psychology: "I loved making the movie Rising Sun. I got into the psychology of why she liked to get strangled and tied up in plastic hase. It has to do up in plastic bags. It has to do with self-worth." instincts, and it is also a thanksgiving, a show of grati-

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Well on Lister

Electrical storms break out Grid is locked in



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group's transmission business at some 24 billion, not

the £4.6 billion suggested by

The Grid will now attempt

to persuade the regulator to

anffen his stance on the con-

trols -- which take effect from

April next year — during the

consultation period which

ends on September 10. David Jones, the Grid's

chief executive, condemned the price caps as "ill-founded and unprecedently harsh". He said: "They would have the ef-

fect of destroying value for shareholders and impairing

the efficiency of the trans-mission system in the longer

The electricity consumer

committees welcomed the reg

ulator's approach to the review. Ken Prior, acting

chairman of the committees

chairmen, said: "We are sae-ing a regulator who is more

Meanwhile, Scottish Power

amounced yesterday that it had awarded shares worth

£517.000 to five executives

under its long-term incentive

Buxted Chicken, based at

Flixton, Suffolk, yesterday be-came the first large water

user to be allowed by Ofwat, the industry regulator, to change its water supplier— from Basex and Suffolk Water

to Anglian Water.

the Grid.

Power politics . . . Professor Littlechild delivers a shocker to the National

'Streetwise' Littlechild pulls the plug on National Grid's glory days

Chris Barrio Business Corre

HE National Grid is likely to accept the elec-tricity watchdog's proposals for swingeing price cuts without a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, analysts fore-cast last night.

the severity of Professor Stephen Littlechild's proposals for new controls on transmission prices, analysis said the company would face an uphill battle to persuade the MMC to overturn the ideas.

One analyst said the methodology employed by the reg-ulator and his staff at Offer "stacks up well" and it would be "unwise" to challenge it at the MMC. The Grid warned investors

that Offer's proposals would see transmission profits fall sharply in 1997/1998, falling further in real terms there-after "with a consequential impact on dividend policy".

SBC Warburg said dividend growth would now be "difficult to achieve". But the regulator's decision to allow cuts in expected investment could free cash for shareholders. The share price was "about right" at 165p, 10.5p off on the day and just 5p up on the 12-

Utilities chiefs on attack

Privatised industry chiefs have never loved tough regulators:

fit is my ballef that the director general's proposals presage a highly dangerous new form of regulation, with broad and undefined discretionary, or absolute, powers vested in a single individual' — Sir lain Vallance, BT chairman, on Don Cruickehank of Oftel

One of the biddest smash-and-drab raids ever Rogerson, British Gas deputy chairman, on Olgas's proposed pipeline curbs

 His proposels are ill-founded and unprecede hersh' - National Grid chief executive David Jones yesterday on Professor Littlechild

had underestimated the scale "we didn't trust Stephen Litt-lechild not to bottle it". He said the controls were the last chance before the election for the regulator to "get the type of headlines that other regula-

tors have enjoyed. In setting his controls, Prof Littlechild chose to set aside submissions from the Grid on future capital expenditure, as-sessments of the transmission

He said he had examined

One analyst said the City | ating costs could be cut by 1.5 per cent a year in future. But Prof Littlechild said the Grid had "consistently performed better" than past pro-

jections. Accordingly, he set his con-trols on the basis that the Grid would cut costs by between 4 per cent and 6 per cent, about half the rate

achieved in the past.

Prof Littlechild took a similarly harsh line on capital spending. Pointing to the Grid's spend of £190 million last year, against a projected £420 million, the regulator the last price control and the refused to allow the claims made by the Grid at £1.1 billion allowance over the time.

The Grid argues that oper-cutting it to £700 million.

Market shuns nuclear shares

Patrick Donove City Editor

RESH controversy looms over the Govern-ment's £1.3 billion stock market sale of Britain's nuclear industry after its City banking advisers admitted vesterday that more than 12 per cent of shares in British Energy are still in public hands because of the failure | ment's privatisation issues. of July's mass flotation of the

entire company. The surplus share stake which is valued at nearly £86 million — was built up by benkers BZW in an attempt to shore up the company's mar-ket price immediately after flotation.

As is usual during a major flotation, brokers prepare to exercise this so-called "green shoe" option if newly-traded shares fall below the price at which the flotation offer was sold. But, despite heavy buying, shares were still trading at 4p under the 105p flotation price when the deadline for the "share stabilisation" pro-

gramme closed yesterday.

As a result, the Government has been left with 85.9 million shares in the company, representing around 12.27 per cent of its share capital. A small fraction of this represents shares

details but indicated that the bulk of the holding repre-sented shares bought during the abortive price stabilisa tion programm

Treasury advisers said yes-terday that the bolding would remain in public hands for the foreseeable future. However the size of the surplus share tranche casts further doubt over this, the most controversial of all the Govern-

It represents the first time for nearly 10 years that inves-tors have lost money in a state sell-off. Shares have continued to languish at less than their flotation price even though the value of the offer was scaled back to just £1.3 billion - the minimum valuation government advisers had considered viable.

Market confidence was fur-

covery of technical problems at the Sizewell B reactor shortly after the share offer had closed. These caused widespread anger as they had not been disclosed in the prospectus advertising the huge share float. Labour has consistently ar-

gued that the taxpayer has received a raw deal from the float, pointing out that the entire proceeds represent just two-thirds of the cost of Sizewell B, the firm's new set aside for bonus share al-Jotments. BZW refused to give Suffolk.

futile prices row



Edited by Mark Milner

ROFESSOR Stephen Littlechild, the director general of electricity supply, has, on occasion, walked unwittingly into controversy. He cannot, however, have been unduly surprised by the howls of outrage from the National Grid over his proposals for changes to its

pricing regime.
The proposals, rather tougher than the City had been expecting judging by the share price reaction, were attacked as "ill founded" by the National Grid's chief executive David Jones. The trade union. Unison, also expressed concern about the impact of the proposed cuts on an al-ready reduced workforce. Much is at stake. Though domestic consumers are only likely to benefit by about £5 a year, the proposed changes could cost National Grid more than £1 billion over the

next four years.

Professor Littlechild has shown a healthy scepticism about claims made to him by the company. Operating costs have fallen by an average of 10 per cent a year in real terms of late. Hardly surpris-ing then that the Offer director general reckons the com-pany can do better than its own forecast for future reductions of 1.5 per cent a year. Nor does he appear to have

been any more convinced by the National Grid's estimates of some £1.1 billion of capital spending over the next four years. The National Grid is a mo-

nopoly. Prof Littlechild's role is to ensure it operates as effi-ciently as possible. That must include allowing the company sufficient resources to inves and operate effectively and safely and to provide a return to shareholders. He believes the new regime would allow for that. He should stick to his guns. If the company reckons it has a compelling case against him, it can always take it to the Monopolies Commission. Don't hold your

Atomic pile

T IS ironic that after all the hype surrounding the sale of the nuclear industry, it now appears that British Energy has not been fully privatised at all. Far from hiving tors, the Government's own bankers admitted that more than 12 per cent of the com- there is often a reluctance to pany still remains in public express an opinion against

The Treasury seems to have been dumped with the unwanted stock, despite spendwanted stock, despite spending £50 million on the City advisers involved in arranging the deal. It now appears that, although the valuation of the company was trimmed well below initial estimates, the

Treasury simply misjudged

Confronted with the politi-cal humiliation of seeing a major privatisation stock flop in early trading, brokers BZW were ordered to prop up the price by buying shares in the market

Yesterday, the extent of that operation was disclosed. The brokers bought more than 85 million shares in the ultimately fruitless task of propping up the stock. Yester-day those shares were unceremoniously handed back to the Government.

The episode is a fitting end to the mismanagement of the privatisation of nuclear power generation. It has al-ready lumbered the taxpayer with all the financial liabilities of nuclear power. by retaining control of the age-ing Magnox reactors and promising to indemnify vestors against any unforeseen costs in the price of decommissioning atomic waste. And with yesterday's disthat the taxpayer has got a shabby return from even managed to hive off to the pridustry should never have been privatised in the first

Mutual comfort

place. Yesterday's news con-firms that view.

HOSE building societies determined to cling on to their mutual status will find much to comfort them in the Mori poll findings carried out for the Bradford & Bingley. Less than one in five of us. according to the poll, sup-ports the idea of building societies converting to banks while, in the face of a hostile takeover bid, members would want so much money to back the move, all but the most profligate predator would be deterred. On such a "crazy" scale of values, the B&B reckons it would co

£3.3 billion price tag. Most of us, it seems, are long termists, preferring better hand-outs of cash or shares. But what about the Abbay

National's acquisition of the National & Provincial and tenham & Gloucester, where members received, respectively, pay-outs worth, on av-erage, £1,400 and £2,200? They were different, according to the B&B, because

both deals were agreed. The lesson it clearly wants to draw is that, provided management is firm against both conversion and hostile takeover, then the principle of mutuality can be preserved.
Up to a point. The poll also shows that though 18 per cent are in favour of conversion. only 32 per cent are against. Most of the rest are neutral. the perceived climate of opinion — the so-called spiral of silence theory. Building societies are perceived to be good

Danny Rosenkranz, BOC's chief executive, said sales of

"We have taken a hell of a

lan King

IR Stanley Kalms, chair-Sman of Dixons and scourge of corporate governance, enjoyed a 29 per cent increase in total pay and benefits last year to £965,000. it emerged yesterday.
The figure, disclosed in the

company's annual report, compares with last year's sums in which Sir Stanley walved the extra £100,000 to which he was entitled. It was also revealed that in

May this year Sir Stanley made almost £600,000 from exercising 200,000 share options at 183p a time — against the prevailing market price of 482p a share. Sir Stanley, a well-known

supporter of the Conservative Party, still holds 659,034 share options, which on yesterday's closing share price of 507p (down 3p), gives him a paper profit of some £1.1 million. The annual report also

shows that among Sir Stanley's fellow directors, deputy chairman Mark Souhami collected £130,560 from share options, while group chief exec-utive John Clare picked up £326.338 and corporate fi-

makers, admitted that one of its biggest institutional investive. Keith McCullagh.

tors had sold shares in the company after the announce-ment of a £262,000 relocation package paid to its chief exec-utive, Peter Aikens.

Matthew Clark defended the decision by arguing that

Mr Aikens, who moved from Reigate to Bristol when the company had bought company had bought Gaymers Cider and was stalking Taunton Cider, had been helped to relocate rapidly rather than face a two-hour towners each day. journey each day. It has also been revealed

that two directors of British Biotech, the blue sky drugs company not yet in profit, have netted over £3 million between them by exercising share options, according to the company's annual report, published yesterday. Peter Lewis, British Bio-tech's research and develop-

ment director, exercised 106,695 options at \$37p each on a day when the shares were trading at 1,718p, giving him a profit of £1.47 million. The report also shows that James Noble, British Biotech's finance director, made profits of £1.85 million from

share options. However, most of the direcnowever, most of the directors and corporate finance director Robert Schrager scooped £188,000.

Meanwhile, Matthew Clark Meanwhile, Matthew Clark, — are still sitting on chunky one of Britain's leading cider share options, most notably

Dixons reveals | Problems undermine De Beers' boss's 30pc rise glittering half-year profits

ATHERING storm clouds overshadowed bumper half-year profits from diamond conglomer ate De Beers yesterday. The sliding value of the rand and renewed uncertainty over a Russian government, combined to cast doubt on the survival of the company's worldwide marketing cartel. Director Gary Raife said he had cancelled his holiday two weeks ago to fly to Moscow for emergency talks and to protest at a jump in the num-ber of Russian stones leaking on to world markets, under-

ducer, is coping with the after-shocks of the walkout from the cartel in June of the world's biggest diamond mine, Argyle in Australia.
The mine had complained that De Beers's prices and quotas were tilted against smaller gems of the Argyle type; yesterday De Beers said it was trying to help the Indian cutting industry, unsettled by the walkout in adjust tled by the walkout, to adjust. De Beers chairman, Julian Ogilvie Thompson, speaking from Johannesburg, accused Argyle of "rather a selfish act". Should other producers

mining the De Beers sales system.

We would's largest diamond prowould's largest diamond pro-Argyle accounted for just 6
per cent of the CSO's roughdiamond intake; even without
it, the CSO still controls about Far more serious is the threat of a breakdown in the detailed discussions with

Russia, the second-largest producer in the world. An outline bargain struck in February seemed to have averted the threat of a Russian walkout from the CSO, but the presidential elections and po-

De Beers, that months of hard bargaining lay ahead. Russian gem leakages, which averaged more than \$62 million (£41.3 million) a month during 1993 and 1994, dropped to an average \$12.2 million in March and April But in June, leakages rose to perhaps \$50 million.

Mr Raife said the August shutdown of cutting centres in Antwerp and Tel Aviv made it hard to judge present

leakage levels. De Beers's attributable

earnings rose 18 per cent in US dollar terms in the six have delayed final agreement.

A gung-ho Tass report on US dollar terms in the six months to June 30, well ahead of analysts' expectations.

the traditional camel hair coat and cigar, added:

"This is exceptionally good news for Leeds and a real

Well, it's a coup for Leeds getting Launders, but the Reds lose out

round in English foot-ball yesterday waltzed into the boardroom for the first time when Robin Launders, Manchester United's finance director, agreed to become chief executive of

Alan Shearer — who recently broke the world record when he signed for Newcastle United in a £15 million deal — the transfer of 46 year-old Mr Launders immediately excited the pundits. In true Jimmy Hill mode,

analysts said Manchesta become chief executive of United's loss was Leeds Un-Leeds United, the York-shire club recently snapped credited with having made up by Caspian Group for the Old Trafford club such £16 million. a success in the City, would a success in the City, would Like England striker beabiggap to fill.

Aubrey Carroll, of Man- | James Henderson, donning chester-based stockbroker Siddall, said: "Robin has been instrumental behind Manchester United's success off the field and he's a top-rated finance director. It's a major coup for Leeds United and a bit of a blow for Manchester United." Caspian itself, eschewing time-honoured idioms like

coup. Launders is widely regarded as the man who turned around Manchester performance," United's "the boy will slot in well". restricted itself to a brief stock exchange announce-

Although the news had been rumoured for a fortnight, the stock market agreed, marking Manchester United shares down 1p ment. But spokesman to 463p.

BOC queasy in health business

Forane — whose main rivals include products from drugs ORE than £202 million group Medeva — had in-creased outside the US, but was slashed from the market value of BOC, that price competition had still dented profits. He added: the industrial gases and healthcare group, after it warned yesterday that its health-care business was still suffering in harsh US year, more than we forecast."
But Mr Rosenkranz, who

said he expected Forane to go on suffering from price pres-BOC shares collapsed 42p. to 853p, after warning that Forane, its inhaled anaes sures into next year, insisted BOC would stick with the business — which many anathetic product, was continulysts believe is being groomed ing to shed market share after for sale — for now.
"We have made the deci-As a result, profits at BOC's sion, at least for the medium healthcare business fell 27 per

Despite this, group pre-tax profits in the third quarter rose 11 per cent to

£327.3 million.

hang on to this business. We fully expect a difficult 18 months ahead, and during that time we will assess it."

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BMW calms fears over Rover losses

FALLING share price and mounting investor unease forced BMW to act yesterday over reports that its Rover subsidiary was likely to drag down profits at the German car company for

As BMW shares fell sharply in volatile market conditions to DM836 (£365) in Frankfurt, a spokesman admitted that Rover would continue to lose money until the end of the de cade, but said losses were unlikely to exceed last year's level of DM335 million.

The spokesman said that, while losses would fall this year, the BMW board did not expect Rover to make a financial contribution to the group before the end of the decad because of the need for heavy investment in facilities and

The company was responding to a report from Salomon Brothers warning that Rover lagged far behind European competitors in profitability. The UK company was emerging as the European volume car company "with the most work to accomplish to reach industry standards."

According to Salomon's analyst, John Lawson, Rover needs "a radical transfusion from its parent if it is to emerge as a 'premium' car maker". He said Rover was a short and medium-term bur-den on BMW, leaving the BMW shares facing a 15 per cent fall before the costs and risks of the Rover acquisition were absorbed.

Mr Lawson pointed out that Rover's strategy of boosting exports at the expense of home sales could take a toll

Got a new motor?

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BMW and Rover - average product ages

ise its product range - it has eight platforms on which it builds cars and four-wheeldrive vehicles - if it was to improve "some of the worst production economics in the

The model line-up represented years of underinvestment and ownership changes. BMW bought Rover from British Aerospace 2800 million in March 1994. The German firm said yester day that the price was "fair" a company with a DM16 hillion turnover, and that it was equally fair that it should now have to invest in the UK firm. Investment was running at between 7 and 8 per cent of turnover, compared with 3 per cent unde Rover's previous owners.

The spokesman said Rover's DM335 million loss fore tax and interest of £90 million by UK accounting standards. Adding to BMW and

Rover's discomfort is the pub-lication this month of a detailed account in Car maga-zine of unrest among BMW managers at Rover's performance.

The report suggests Rover has been struggling to de-velop a new Mini, and that German managers will out-number English managers on Rover's key strategy commit-

• The French car manufacturer, Renault, reported a slide in first-half sales of 2.9 per cent to 94.085 billion francs(212 billion). At Volkswagen, interim profits out-grew sales, but the shares lipped on profit-taking after the news. Group income from ordinary activities rose 45 per cent to DM891 million from DM616 million in the



Brash, vulgar—and very liquid

In only 14 years, Liffe has become Europe's leading futures and options exchange, writes IAN KING

IFFE, the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange, differs from its ob ins because it is the beloved of lazy — or desperate — TV producers. It's where those screaming, sim-waying men dressed in stripey jackets ply their trade, and as such are instantly recognisable to millions of viewers.

be taken more seriously than that, or than many of the old

They still look down on Liffe, regarding the exchang and its denizens as nouveau and rather vulgar, but in the 14 years years since it opened, it has established itself as Europe's number one number and options exchange, and the third largest in the world. In fact, in terms of numbers

of trades, Liffe has overtaken the Stock Exchange — which famously rebuffed Liffe's chairman, Jack Wiggles-worth, when he proposed a new futures market back in 1980 - and seems to break its

even more spectacular. Average daily turnover in 1995 was £128.4 billion, and if there was any doubt it would be higher this year, the number for July - traditionally a quiet month

was £146.6 billion One of the most palpable cess is its forthcoming merger, as the dominant partmodities Exchange, itself one of the premier commodities

O IT is clear that:
Liffa's \$12,000 squarefloot dealing floor at
its Cannon Bridge
home (only opened
in 1991) will have to be exdate the extra business. And a the number of institutions new purpose-built headquar-ters is likely to be opened

early in the next century.

As a temporary expedient,
Liffe is leasing the old Stock Exchange headquarters in the City's Threadneedle Street, neatly turning the tables on

at their newer, brasher rivals all those years ago.

What has made Liffe so successful? The answer, sim-

ply, is liquidity. As markets

cated over the past decade, so institutions have sought better facilities to cover or "hedge" their positions, allowing them to minimise losses and maximise profits. . To minimise risk, a high level of liquidity — that is, the ease with which investors can move in and out of invest

ment opportunities - is

sential, and futures and options are central to increasing As the importance of fu-tures and options has grown, using them has increased.

On any given day at Liffs, a visitor can now see banks, institutions, corporate treasurers and even private investors trading in futures and options. They are there to deal in one of the most di-

Expressed in monetary | the mobs in the old Exchange ; werse ganges of products | which almost three-quarters terms, Liffe's achievement is | who looked down their nodes | available anywhere in the | are foreign-owned, and which available anywhere in the world including interest-rate futures and options denominated in numerous curmeditutions rencies, options on most of the shares traded on the FPSE-100, and futures and op-tions contracts on the FTSE-

> Essentially, these players are using such products for protect a position against adverse price movements in the future; to trade or profit from future price movements; or to arbitrage, the practice of prof-tting from the same product (like a share) having a differ-

> N THE global market, the importance of being able filling the gap between the Tokyo and New York markets. Liffe has become probably the most important of all the London exchanges

are foreign owned, and which include most of the world's

Liffe's importance in a European context is also highly significant. Over recent years, the exchange has emerged as the leading venue on which to trade products such as futures and options covering German, Japa-ness and Italian bonds much to the chagrin of rival such as the Mattf in Paris or the DTB in Frankfurt.

But Liffe is not so arrogant as to assume it will enjoy such a competitive advantage simply by resting on its laurels. For instance, it recently made provisions in the contracts for the March 1999 delivery of trage at any time of day is three-month suromark and now crucial. With London short sterling futures, allowshort sterling futures, allow-ing for settlement against euro interest rates in the event of either currency participating

fact readily recognised by its Tomorrows Volatile mix at 200 or so member firms, of the Petroleum Exchange

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available all over Europe

Banks discover price of buying up mutual trust

UST 210 would be enough to persuade al-most one in 10 building society customers to accept a hostile bid from a bank, according to a Mori survey for Bradford & Bingley

published yesterday. However, predator banks would have to stump up far higher sums to secure maority approval. The survey of at least £1,500 would be necessary to woo 52 per cent of building society

members.

B&B, one of the few top
10 building societies still
committed to murinality, argued that the survey shows
how little appetite there is
among customers for hosamong customers for hos-tile takeovers. This is despite two recent

deals where building soci-cties have succumbed to offers from banks. In August last year, Chelten-ham & Gloucester became part of the Lloyds TSB group, while earlier this month National & Provin-cial was absorbed by Abbey National.

N&P's 2.5 willion members received bonuses averaging £1,400, while the \$00,000 C&G customers were paid an average of \$3,200.

John Wriglesworth, B&B's director of strategy and communications, said: "Not only do the vast majority of people reject the idea of hostile takeovers, but some people now de-mand very high sums of

money to be persuaded to wote in favour."

Mr Wriglesworth estimated that banks would have to pay out 23,880 per member to obtain the 75 per cent majority required by statute in sudores

takeover bid, which, he argued, put B&B beyond the reach of most predators. By remaining mutual, he added, B&B could continue

to offer its customers mortgages and savings accounts with rates far superior to their nearest rivals'. This strategy will reduce B&B's profit figures, due later this month, by about £50 million. The Mori survey, based

on interviews with 2,000 people across the UK, also reveals that more people oppose than favour the conversion of building societies to banks, with only 18 per cent positively for such plans. However, the largest group — 43 per cent — wer neutral on the issue.

Unsurprisingly, where no bonns is on offer, just 10 per cent of people would support conversion to a Britannia Building Society, another supporter of

mutuality, yesterday appointed a director of mufuality and marketing Ger-ald Gregory will develop the society's mutuality strategy, which includes a loyalty scheme paying a

The offer

Whocat of money needed to persuade customers to support a hostle takeover of their busing.

News in brief

Halifax offer shield from negative equity

HALIFAX, the UK's largest mortgage lender, yesterday launched a scheme to protect new house buyers from negative equity. With the First Time Buyer Guarantee, if borrowers run into negative equity after five years but before ten years, and still want to move, Haliffax will sell their homes and repay the

mortgage in full.

In the scheme, property insurance is compulsory for ten years and borrowers must take a new mortgage with Halifax. The society will also carry out reinspections of the property every three years to confirm it is adequately maintained.—

Richard Miles

10p in £ for Facia creditors

CREDITORS of the collapsed Facia shop-chain stand to get back an average payout of up to 10p in the pound, accountants KPMG said yesterday. A payout remained "highly likely" following the sale of some of the group's businesses as going concerns — but administrator Tony Thompson said he was unable to give a precise figure to unsecured creditors of the Sock Shop and Red or Dead chain, who are owed around £50 million.

The retail group, which is being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office, has filed no accounts since 1994. But Mr Thomson disclosed that the trading losses for the companies ran to £9 million for the first 18 weeks of 1996. — Patrick Donovan

Lucas set for Varity merger

LUCAS yesterday won shareholder approval to buy Varity for \$2 billion (£1.3 billion) worth of stock, in a plan to create the world's second-biggest maker of automotive brake systems. The two car parts manufacturers said in May they would merge in a stock swap, to form a new company called Lucas Varity. Shares of the new entity will begin trading on September 6—provided that shareholders of Varity approve the transaction, as they are expected to, on August 23. Shares of Lucas rose 2 pence to 235p in late London trading. In New York, Varity shares were up % at 29% in mid-morning trading. — Bloomberg 49% in mid-morning trading — Bloomberg

Insurance firms credit risk

THE credit stability of many of the UK's non-life insurance companies is at risk from their efforts to boost profits in the face of increasing competition, warned the international rating agency Moody's yesterday. Moody's said the rating of the companies had not been shaken by the huge under writing of the companies had not been shaken by the huge under writing losses suffered in recent years. But, it added, the companies had two main weaknesses: their expense ratios were high and they were often not charging policyholders enough while vying for market share. —

Sedgwick denies Willis move

INTERNATIONAL insurance broker Sedgwick yesterday ruled INTERNATIONAL insurance proker Sedgwick yesterday ruled out a merger with rival group Willis Coroon. Rumours of a possible tie-up between the two companies have been circulating, but Mr Riley said yesterday that Sedgwick was not interested in Willis. He was speaking as Sedgwick unveiled a flat set of halfyear results, with pre-lax profits up 2 per cent at £61.1 million.

The Guardian Wednesday August 14 1996

Quick step . . . Dancethenightaway proves too sharp for her rivals at Bath yesterday

King's old-timer has last chuckle with win 14

HUCKLESTONE, the old-timer who re-fuses to draw his fuses to draw his pension, won the lath race of his career and next month but King thinks it eighth at Bath when battling could be a bit late in the sea-back to take the BBC Radio son as he ideally wants fast Bristol Handicap yesterday.
The 13-year-old displayed tremendous tenacity in clinging to the favourite Bold Clas-

sic and forcing his neck in front in the final few strides. It was a stirring perfor-mance by the gelding who was retired at one time but appeared to resent it so much that Jeff King decided to put

him back into training.
"He knows more about this game that I do," said King.
"We retired him to the Northern Apprentice School but he kept on getting rid of the kids.

REDUCTION in gen-eral betting duty of 1.75 per cent, meaning

a cut in tax for the punter

of one per cent, is being sought by the British Hor-

deavour to improve rac-

The BHB yesterday gave details of its submission to

one per cent cut in punters'

deductions to 8 per cent, in

turnover, while suggesting

racing Board in an en-

was always falling off him so I'd never book him."

Yesterday's race had an un-

fortunate sequel as Jimmy Quinn, who rode Chucklestone, and Pat Eddery, the rider of Bold Classic, were found guilty of excessive use of the whip and banned for two days starting August 23. Classic Cliche, runner-up to Pentire in the King George at Ascot, is among the entries for Saturday's Tripleprint Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury but will not run.

Simon Crisford, racing

BHB seek cut in betting tax

should be given to racing to

boost prizemoney.
Such a move could push total prizemoney to £82

million compared to the £59

million available this year to owners who contribute

some £178 million annually

to racing, excluding the cost of purchasing horses.

Lord Wakeham, chair-man of the BHB, com-

mented: "Years of over-tax-

ation of betting and the consequent depressed con-

tribution to racing from

betting turnover are now

that the remaining .75 per | really taking their toll. cent of an overall cut | "Racing urgently needs:

yesterday: "We've decided to give him a bit more time after Ascot and the plan is to run him in the Prix Foy next month as a prep for the Arc." This sounds eminently sen-

sible for the King George is well known for being a killer of a race and horses invari-ably take longer to get over it than an ordinary contest. Shaamit, the Derby winner

who finished third in the As cot race, is being prepared for the Irish Champion Stakes on September 14. The good news about him is that he is likely to stay in training nex

kept off the course since the

season.

English runners in the Arc
must be given every consideration and Paul Cole is singlemindedly pursuing the Lonchamp goal with Riyadian
who has deliberately been

significant injection of

funds to flourish and that it should do so is very much in the Government's inter-

The racing and betting in-dustry, which employs more than 100,000 people,

generated tax revenue to the Government of more

than £140 million last year.

Britain is bottom of the

international league in

terms of the percentage of

TOP PORM TIPS: Unalloyed 8, Fills? 7, Ballet High 6

8.15 PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE HANDICAP OF CALGO

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002400 METAL BOYS (28) (CD) Mes L Sideall 9-0-0 0-2002 ANOTHER BATCHMORTM (10) E Wheeler 4-8-0 0-0 JOHN'S LAW (21) M Heston-Dile 3-8-11 03-02 MAJE TOINE (14) (D) R PROMP 4-8-10 25-00 SUPERLAD (SEL) (11) (D) J Bridger 4-7-0 000000 LOBRE PRET LAD (2003) J BRIDGER 4-7-0 0-0003 DECKNOHTS OFFT (7) P Burgoyas 4-7-10

Blinkered for the first time — BEVERLEY: 2.30 Florrie'm. HAMILTON: 6.30 Sheraton Girt; 8.30 Carmenoura. SALISBURY: 4.15 Running Free.

ettings 9-4 Bethynakethy, 5-1 Arckic Fency, 6-1 Old School House, Tudox (bland, 7-7 Jhyan), 6-1 Pauri Indure, Steamfoller Stanly,

Riyadian, a 12-1 chance for the big race with Coral's, is regarded by Cole as the ideal Arc type, combining speed and stamina.

cess of purchasing the 50-box Green Lodge stables at New-market off Tom Jones who retires at the end of the

Durkan, 30, is currently assistant to John Gosden having held similar positions with Oliver Sherwood and Charlie Brooks.

As an amateur he rode nearly 100 winners mainly over jumps but will be con-centrating principally on training Flat horses.
Peter Chapple-Hyam is not

making any public pro-nouncement about the future of Nash House until the colt's owner, Lord Weinstock, returns from holiday.
It does not sound good for

Nash House who appeared to have bled internally when running badly at Haydock on Saturday after a three month At Beverley this afternoon

Ned's Bonanza (3.00) is napped to atone for a rather unlucky effort at Pontefract last week when caught in the final strides by Rich Glow. Ned's Bonanza meets his conqueror on 71b better terms now and would appear to hold

Captain Carat, a length and a half away third and just 11b better off. Another decept bet on this card appears to be Pension Fund (3.30) in the Contrac-

Imation Nursery. He landed a gamble at Redbetting turnover retured to car last month, backed from the industry — a mere 1.2 14-1 to 8-1, when beating sub-

Salisbury card with guide to the form

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FORM GUIDE - ORDETES: Heading over 11 au., 3rd el 8, bin 61, bi la Commend (Gaedward El, Gal-Fia). LUDOs Every chance 11 au., soon Guird, 4th el 8, bin 561, la Hinzani (Hewmerket Bl, Gal-Fin).

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12 60-700 WARSPETTE (14) R C Silvers 6-6-5 ... D Harrison 5

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8.00 ARXONA CLABBOG STAKES 3YO 1m copts 22,577

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Waiting in the wings . . . Arsene Wenger, favourite to become Arsenal's manager

# Resting Cruyff leaves Wenger favourite for the Arsenal job

replace Bruce Rioch as Arsenal's manager when Johan Cruyff made it clear he was not interested in the post. "He has told me he is not interested in a job at the mo-ment," said Johan Derksen, Cruyff's spokesman, "He wants some time off from

It is understood that Arsenal have already spoken to Wenger, who has indicated he would be interested in the ancy. But the Highbury club will have to buy the English-speaking Frenchman out of the rest of his contract with the Japanese club Grampus Eight if they want him to start work before November.

though they are under pressure to sign players before tomorrow, the deadline for el-igibility for the first three rounds of the Uefa Cup. They will have to do a

however. Although the 47-year-old former Monaco coach has long been admired by Arsenal, and considered for the job in the past, he is largely unknown in this country and his appointment will not appease the Highbury faithful — still angry at the way Rioch was treated — as Arsenal's board probably hope Wenger's credibility has been heightened enough in domestic eyes by the England years at Monaco, where he

was considering.

heavy selling job on Wenger for attacking football with to pacify their supporters, sides studded with stars such as Djorkaeff, Scifo and Weah owever, Wenger also knows the value of organisation, which Arsenal traditionalists will appreciate. And he is something of an Anglophile. He so likes English football that in the mid-Eighties he spent a French League winter break in Britain to watch games and training sessions. A former amateur player, he was coach of Cannes and

technical director, an offer he European Cup semi-final and Hoddle was hugely influenced by Wenger when he played for Monaco as the Frenchman built a reputation around Grampus Eight's

> surprise. He had heart bypass surgery in 1993 and said on his departure from Barcelona in May: "I want to take a long reak or retire altogether. I'm going to pay more attention to ny family." More light has been throw

on the curious relationship be-tween Rioch and Arsenal's vice-chairman David Dein in the signing of players. It was alleged yesterday by Arsenal's striker Ian Wright that Rioch's

Cruyff's rejection was no

MSENE WENGER Arsenal will make an an coach Glenn Hoddle's invitation won the league title and the his transfer demands being unterpreted by the favourite to though they are under present demands being unterpreted by the favourity to though they are under present demands being unterpreted by the favourity to though they are under present demands being unterpreted by the favourity to though they are under present demands being unterpreted by the favourity to though they are under present demands being unterpreted by the favourity to though they are under present demands being unterpreted by the favourity to though they are under present demands being unterpreted by the favourity to though they are under present demands being unterpreted by the favourity to the fa

According to other sources, however, Rioch would check through agents to make sure a player was available before approaching Dein. And had Dein gone through the right channels and acted at the right time. Arsenal could than their eventual transfer fees, players such as Vialli, Ravanelli, Lizarazu, Seedori

and Roberto Carlos.

It is even understood that during Euro 96 Dein met Juventus's vice-president and was told that the Italian club, having bought heavily, were willing to offload several players as well as Ravanelli and Vialli to recoup some money.

The gap between Manchester's two clubs is as wide as ever, but Alan Ball senses a new togetherness in his squad. Michael Walker reports

# Diminished City expect rapid return

T IS often said that the difference between suc-cess and failure is a thin line. In relation to Manchester's clubs, however, the notion is either redundant or having a prolonged break.

There now exists a growing chasm between City and United that was beautifully encapsulated on that final Sunday of last season when United were flying high on their way to the Premiership while City were experiencing so much turbulence that when they landed they were

in a different league.

The suffering hardly ended there for City. Even before they begin life in the new Nationwide League on Friday night, at home to Ipswich Town, they have been given a powerful reminder of their diminished status. On a Saturday when United played Ajax in a pre-season friendly that reeked of prestige and pedi-gree, City faced Scarborough, a fixture that reeked of some thing equally pungent, but it

Last season's failure, how ever, gives City an opportu-nity to ease, if not erase, the dropped in class they should now start winning games. That is not an experience their fans have enjoyed often

It took Alan Ball's side 12 cames and three months before they managed it last term a 1–0 win at home to Boiton in November broke the duck. But City won only eight more matches and never climbed above 15th place.

Still, they did not go down until the final minutes of the season, and then it was only because their goal difference was worse than Southamp ton's and Coventry's.
"If only" could be City's
motto, but it is too late for
regrets about what might

have been. Not that there was a downbeat mood at Maine day was packed like an Oasis On what was ostensibly an occasion to launch a new mascot, "Moonchester", the

sky-blue pilgrims. An hour ward causing Kinkledze to before the scheduled 2.30 start hotfoot it across the pitch to



Georgian on their minds . . . Georgi Kinkladze does the honours for his adoring fans during Manchester City's open day at Maine Road yesterday

there was a queue halfway the safety of the tunnel. around the stadium as thou around the stadium as thou sands took the chance to get closer to their heroes.

in fact at one stage they came too close. When the Georgian midfielder Georgi Kinkladze came out to stand by his sleek new sponsored car - registration number ground was thronged with GEO - the crowd surged for ward causing Kinkladze to

over the stadium and the head groundsman Stan Gibson must have been con-cerned about the state of his pitch. Meanwhile his daugh-ter. Janice Monk, was under heavy pressure in the club shop. "Sales are up on last year," she said. "City sup-porters are the best in the

It was a theme taken up by the chairman Francis Lee and manager Ball. "We thought there'd be about three or four didn't expect them to ruin the

Lee's jaunty form set the tone of the day. "I think we'll win more than we did last year," he said, before nominating the main dangers:

crapping not to go down.
"Our form in the second half of last season was a top-10 finish, and a team of that abil-

their own. But it will be

showing after Christmas "I feel obliged to give these lads ity should be able to hold won't buy willy-nilly"

tough."

He is probably not for sale drive me on. We're going for Lee indicated that although anyway, but Ball senses that it monster, I won't be able to the club had not bought so after last season's huge disaplive with myself if we don't."

QPR will be difficult, and Bollom much as a goldfish in the ton should do well. There is a summer, money was availand of about eight clubs for players. "But not promotion and a band of eight short-term buys." Besides pointment his players are coming alive. There is a togetherness there at the which, Ball's opinion is that after the relatively good

a crack. There is money but I

Ball, an emotional characteristics ter, admitted it had been a difficult summer both person-ally and professionally. "I don't want to go on too long about it but that's what will

# Leeds step up Sinclair hunt

Russell Thomas

WOWARD WILKINSON yesterday attempted to take Leeds's summer spending to around £14 mil-lion by making a formal offer

forward Trevor Sinclair. The Leeds chairman Bill Fotherby said an offer — believed to be under £5 million had been made and he awaited a response upon the return from holiday of Rangers' new owner Chris Wright.

But yesterday Rangers' im-mediate reaction was blunt. The chief executive Clive Berlin said he knew of an inquiry from Leeds but had yet to see a formal bid.

"If one is forthcoming." said Berlin, "I would expect it to be turned down. I can't be drawn into talking figures who would have expected Alan Shearer to be sold for £15 million? — but our intention remains to keep Trevor

Sinciair at this club Rangers' manager Ray Wilkins appears resigned to los ing his main asset, however, conceding that Sinclair's future will be a board decision. Wilkins will attempt to get much as possible for him, but Wilkinson has made it clear he will not go as high as £3 million for the versatile 23year-old.

Diego Maradona, who has twice served 15-month suspensions from the game for drug-taking, is to enter a private clinic in Switzerland to treat what he described as his continuing addiction.

He was due to arrive in Geneva last night after quit-ting Boca Juniors, with whom he signed a £5 million, 30month comeback contract last autumn.

Roy Keane is back in the Republic of Ireland fold after apologising to Mick McCarthy for reporting late for a friendly international in May. The midfielder is in an initial 33-man squad for the World Cup qualifier in Liechtenstein on August 31.

#### Hoddle set to lose Gascoigne

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PAUL GASCOIGNE has England squad for little chance of playing Moldova.

any part in England's first Gascoigne is not in match under Glenn Hoddle, the World Cup qualifier in Moldova on September 1.

The Rangers midfielder has an Achilles injury and has not appeared in any game since England's Euro 96 elimination by Germany almost two months ago. His return to Premier Division action looks likely

to be on Saturday week. when Rangers meet Dundee United at Ibrox - 48 hours after Hoddle names his staying with Udinese.

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Rangers' squad for tonight's Coca-Cola Cup tie at Clydebank, and the Ibrox manager Walter Smith said:
"The injury is awkward.
We are taking him slowly through training so there is no recurrence. It may be he could have a reserve outing and then be ready for the Dundee United match."

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#### Sport in brief

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#### Boxing

Japan's Keiji Yamaguchi retained his WBA junior-fly-weight title in Osaka yesterday with a unanimous points decision over the former champion Carlos Murillo of

#### Snooker

Alex Higgins was eliminated for the fourth time in four tournaments this season when he was beaten by the world No. 201 Paul Sweeney at the qualifying school in Blackpool yesterday. The 47-year-old former world champion went down 5-1 in the fifth round of the £205,000 Regal Welsh Open at the Norbreck Castle Hotel

#### Golf

Ivan Lendl, the former tennis world No. 1 who retired from the game two years ago with back problems, has been given a wild card into the Czech Open which starts tomorrow at Marianske Lazne. The 36-year-old Czech-born American has a handicap of two.

players there [Craig Quinnell, Adrian Davies and Andy Moore are the others]," said

#### **Rugby Union**

#### Cobner denies Quinnell rift with Wales over match fees

ALES's director of rugby Terry Cobner has denied suggestions that Scott Quinnell will switch his allegiance to England in protest at the match fee offered to exiled Welsh internationals. Quinnell's agent Mike Bur-

ton wants Wales to treat the 24-year-old forward, who has just returned to union with Richmond after two years at Wigan, as a special case by paying him £6,000 a match, rather than the £2,000 that exfled players have been of-fered, and allowing him to negotiate his win bonus. There's no point in Scott committing himself to Wales for a less than lucrative fee while an England contract is

a possibility," said Burton. Wales have contracted 19 home-based internationals at a salary of £30,000 before bonuses to deter them from join-ing English clubs, but Quinnell, Wales's No. 8 before his switch to league, has yet to break back into the squad and was not considered for the side that was announced yesterday for the match against the Barbarians in Cardiff on

Saturday week. "I have been to Richmond and talked to all four Welsh Cobner. "They are enthusias-tic to play for Wales. Scott's father Derek was a Welsh in-ternational; both his boys want to play for Wales again.
"I do not talk to agents. Scott was not considered for the Barbarians match because he still has to readjust

to union, but I have no doubt that he will be in our plans." Wales are to award caps for their second meeting with the Barbarians this decade. The only newcomer is the 20-yearold Pontypridd flanker Mar-tyn Williams, who comes in for the injured Gwyn Jones.

WALES: W Proctor, I Evans (noth Lianolli), L Bavies (Cardill), N Dacks. (Lianolli), Q Thomas (Bridgend), N Jenkins (Pontypridt), H Howley (Cardill), G Loader (Swansos), J Hamphreys (Cardill), Capill, J Bavies (Neath), G Liewenys (Haringuine), D Jones, N Taylor (both Cardill), S Williams (Neath), H Williams (Pontypridt), Replacements: J Thomas (Cardill), A Thomas (Swanses), P John (Pontypridt), M Voyle (Lianolli), L Mission (Cardill), B Williams (Neath),

 Barrie Corless arrived back from holiday yesterday to learn he had been dismissed as playing director of Moseley three weeks before the start of the season. The Lengue Two club have replaced him with Mark Anscombe, a New Zealander who has coached the

Irish club Old Wesley. The All Blacks' wing Jeff Wilson and fly-half Andrew Mehrtens have been injured in training and will miss the first Test against South Africa in Durban on Saturday.

# How to serve eagles and birdies à La Carte as the French get a piquant taste of golf anglais at Chouzy-sur-Loire



Vincent Hanna

eller." I remarked in the marquee at the 9th hole. I was thinking about the tragic Kenny Perry in the US PGA. A respectful hush fell upon

anyway. The wine grower from Amboise looked puzzled: "But in the Loire the terrain is flat already." Others fell to talking about buildozers. In no time there was an argument about the economy. We all had several beers. "Maybe I shouldn't have

used the word niveleur," I said to Mark Foster. "French," he replied, "is a great leveller." Mark is an affable man who has spent a lifetime in steel and in France. He could have chosen to prop up the bar in Royal St George's or Chart Hills; but instead he rescued a struggling nine-hole course at

The French have always felt uneasy about golf. The sport of the well-to-do, and the Anglo-Saxon, it was played at Paris or in the watering holes of Provence and Normandy. mebody, probably Art Buchwald, once remarked that the most famous French country supports about 450 golfer was the Duke of Windsor.

As a small boy I remember trailing the players in the French Open at Deauville, among them a 19-year-old alled Gary Player. Since 199 there has been an explosion of golf construction in France, based mostly on American facilities and restaurants.

The snag is that whereas the restaurants naturally have done well, fewer than half the new golf clubs are breaking even. Only 250,000 actually play here, compared with ove a million annual golfing visitors to Scotland. But each

courses.
I wondered why the French who excel at many individual sports—skiling, cycling, ath-letics—do not do well at golf. "The game is hedged about with rules and etiquette," explained Mark, "that are as much about social behaviour as sport. The French find that difficult — especially as they

invented by the English." So a convivial group sitting at a table in the marquee at La house is being trucked from England) may see some friends arrive on the adjacent

8th tee and sometimes get up and join in. Last year my two-ball was held up by a single player fish-ing in the lake for his ball.

"Can we play through?" I asked. "Why?" he retorted. "One can go faster than two. The Loire valley has some narvellous courses — Les Bordes, Cheverney, Ardre and Linère — which take advantage of the flat terrain and special bluish light that hanes

over the river. Closest to it is La Carte, which sits across the Loire from Chaumont and has no problems with irrigation: You just sink a shaft 10 feet down, hit the Loire and pump

Mark Foster left school for the City in 1968 and spent a lifetime selling steel in Europe. He is one of those unness who, because they toil away from base, are more eas ily discarded.

So in 1994 he found himself at a loose end. "I had an interest in a vineyard near Toulouse and dreamed of building a golf course round it." Jacques Pelard, who runs the

Paris, told him the first com-mercial law of golf, he who an awful lot of money. Better be second-in-line So he and his French wife

Katia found La Carte, a nine-hole course and hotel, built in the Eighties by Hubert Wayaffe, who was, in the Sixties, the Terry Wogan of France, and who now does curope 1. Hubert duly lost his hemise in the venture. Mark leased the course, suited an English green

cause Katia and I run it ourselves". His 150 local members have just surprised the region by winning the winter league The French are slowly taking to barbecues, golf scramsphere of a British club. "Did you hear about the day his water-pump broke?" said my neighbour the tree surgeon. "The greens began to burn up. So Mark turns up at

the Mairie. Next thing Chouzy's two fire engines are pumping water from the river for him." "Not only that," I said. "He

read ancient history — at St

Rugby League

# Offiah 'not keen' and not touring

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absence of Martin Offiah, the modern game's most lethal major debating point when Phil Larder announced his Lions squad for the tour of Papus New Guinea, Fiji and

Offiah, who left Wigan two weeks ago for a dual cross-code contract with London Broncos and Bedford rugby union club, had told the Great Britain coach that he had insufficient enthusiasm for the six-week tour, which opens with a midweek game in PNG on September 25.

The 29-year-old winger scored the 424th try of his nine-year league career on Sunday at Oldham and will clearly be missed — though less so than previously, with the likes of Jason Robinse John Bentley, Joey Hayes and One can look back at the GB squads sent to tour Auswonder how on earth some the case with this 32-man party. Some reputations still have to be established and there will no doubt be some failures, but the quality of the 13-man "shadow squad" on stand-by is evidence of the depth of talent now available to Larder. That is underlined by the class of player unable to make either squad, with the Bradford centre Matt as a leader.



Farrell . . . youngest captain ever for a youthful squad

Calland a prime example.

A youthful party will be led by the youngest captain in the game's history, Wigan's Andrew Farrell. Since Farrell made his debut against New Zealand as an 18-year-old loose forward has exhausted most of the superlatives. He is to rugby league what Duncan Edwards, long ago, was to

A player of exceptional all-round gifts, he has scored 204 points for Wigan this season. Equally impressive are his maturity and discipline and

The tour

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way for him yesterday, the captaincy coinciding with the birth of his second daughter,

tour and is clearly a taxing assignment for one so young. He will be expected to get the best from players who have far more experience than he, mate Shaun Edwards, himself a former GB captain. But Farrell will not want for respect.

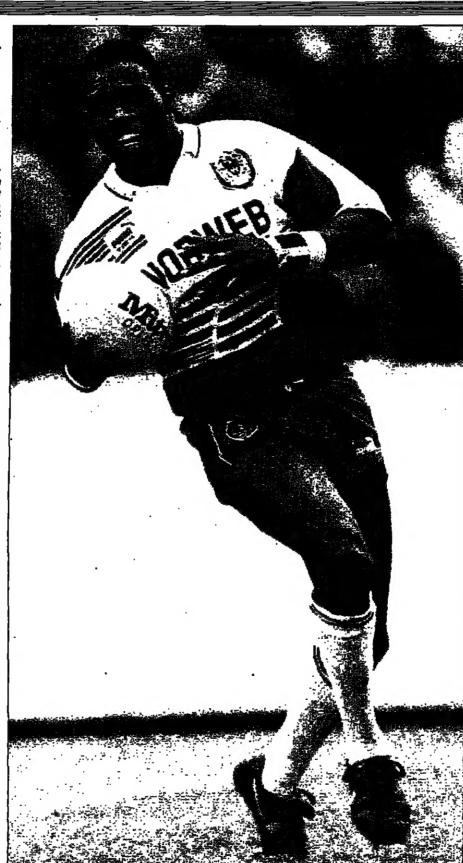
The most surprising selection was the London Broncos stand-off Tulson Tollett, born in Hastings of English parents but raised in Australia, who has played for Penrith and Parramatta Larder has looked overseas

for two of his players, Denis Betts, the second-row from Auckland Warriors, and Lee Jackson, the Newcastle Knights hooker. He failed to persuade another Auckland forward, Andy Platt, to join. There could be trouble ahead, however, with the choices of Wigan's Jason Rob-inson and Gary Connolly, who have signed contracts League The ARL stopped Connolly playing in the World Nines event in Fiji this year and might try to force him and Robinson out again. That, said Larder, was not

his concern. Choosing the best possible squad was, and that meant he also included lestyn Harris, Warrington's £1.35 million-listed stand-off. Hayes (St Helens), David Bradbury (Oldham), Terry O'Connot (Wigan) and Brian McDermott (Bradford) are among eight men without international experience but the most interesting newcomer is Sheffield's strapp 20-year-old centre Keith Senior. His recent display against Wigan's Va'aiga Tui gamala persuaded Larder of

his huge promise.

Oldham's centre Darren Abram and prop Jason Temu will miss the season's last two games with respectively a broken jaw and a dislocated shoulder, both suffered on



### **Munro-Kerr lost** overboard in Rotterdam race

UNCAN Munro-Kerr, a former Royal Ocean modore, was lost overboard and presumed drowned 27 miles off the Belgian coast vesterday morning.

He was competing in the RORC's Cowes to Rotterdam race and it is believed he was wearing neither a safety harness nor life-jacket when he went overboard off Ostend at approximately three o'clock n poor visibility.

The wind was force six to seven, 22-33 knots from the porth-north-west, and the waves were highly confused. Alan Green, the RORC's director of racing said: "De-spite knowing what we should do [safety-wise], we rarely wear either [a harness or a life-jacket] in this him to do so in future."

The race was being held under the special regulations many yacht-racing commitof the Offshore Racing Council, which specify what a boat ist carry but do not make j groomed as the wearing of harnesses or commodore. He leaves a wife life-jackets mandatory.

Munro-Kerr, who was 43. had left Cowes in his 34ft Tro-car, a relatively heavy-displacement boat built more than 20 years ago, on Sunday afternoon. Conditions were "not ultimate, the sort weather that Trocar would do well in", said Green.

Dr Nick Greville, a former owner who was on board. search was mounted by the Maritime Rescue Co-ordinanine commercial ships, an ocean-going tug, two Dutch lifeboats and a search-andrescue helicopter joined in The search was called off eight hours after Munro-Kerr

went overboard. Mike O'Hagan, an RORC committee member, said he was stunned by the loss. "He was one of the soundest sail-

ors in the club."
Munro-Kerr was a practising barrister, a council member of the Royal Yachting Association, and served on tees. A popular man, it was an open secret that he was being and three young daughters.

#### Athletics

#### Christie has point to prove on night of rich promise

Duncan Mackay in Zurich

AS THE richest event on the Grand Prix circuit with a budget of \$6 million (£3.9 million), tonight's meeting here has attracted 26 champions -Olympic, world, and world re-cord holders. So high is the quality that it

has been dubbed the "three-hour Olympics". And for Lin-ford Christie it has assumed a special significance.
"This is Linford's Olympic

final," said Donovan Bailey, who set a world record of 9.84sec when succeeding Christie as the Olympic 100 metres champion after the Briton was disqualified for two false starts. "I felt so sorry for him in Atlanta. Linford will feel he has a big point to prove. That will make him an even more dangerous chal-lenge. I suspect he has a good 9sec performance inside him." The important statistics here last year were not Chris-tie's victory over Bailey or the world record set by the 5,000m runner Haile Gebrse-lassie of Ethiopia and the 3,000m steeplechaser Moses Kiptanui of Kenya, but the rich rewards such endeavour yielded. The meeting was the richest night in athletics history, with the promoter Res a hamstring injury.

Brugger paying out about \$8 million in appearance and bo-

Gebrselassie and Kiptanui received \$50,000 as an appearance fee from Brugger, who also paid a win bonus of \$5,000. Then he had to pay another \$50,000 as a world record bonus and a \$20,000 bo-nus for such brilliant performances. The meeting's sponsors also put up a 211lb gold bar for the world record, worth another \$15,000.

A series of marks will come under attack again tonight, including Sebastian Coe's 15 year-old 800m record of 1min 41.73sec. Wilson Kipketer, the man chasing it, has plenty of incentive besides the money to go for a fast time.

He will meet Norway's Veb-jorn Rodal, who won the Olympic title in Kipketer's absence after red tape prevented the Kenyan-born world champion representing his adopted country, Den-mark, in Atlanta. "I feel I have something to prove," Kipketer said. "But no amount of victories or fast times will make up for missing the Olympics."
A world record would make

up for the absence of Michael Johnson, the Olympic 200m and 400m champion, who has

# GB want only very committed tourists, says Larder

PHIL LARDER, Great Britain's coach, says the international door will be kept open for Marabsentee from the tour squad named yesterday, writes Paul Fitzpatrick. However, there must be a fair chance that the London Broncos and Bedford winger has played his last rugby league international.

Whether a Test career in

remains to be seen.

Strategick Orland

on a sport matter

union club, who jointly fi-nanced the deal that lured him from Wigan. Maurice Lindsay, the

Rugby League chief executive, anticipated this situation after Offlah's transfer and said the prolific winger was a Super League player and would be in contention union is about to unfold for a tour place.

The ingredients were

had more than its share of in the past 18 months. At any rate he cited lack of enthusiasm as his reason

for not wanting to be con-sidered for selection, al-though there was little evi-dence of fading desire when he scored a record-equal-ling five tries for England against France in June. therefore we have select "Martin is a proven try- the likes of Joey Hayes."

Offiah's presence in the squad for the autumn tour offiah concluded he had no could have led to problems stomach for another wrander, who has spoken to Offiah several times in recent and the stomach for another wrander, who has spoken to Offiah several times in recent and the stomach for another wrander, who has spoken to Offiah several times in recent weeks, "and, while he still has the ability, he does not at the moment have the en-thusiasm for a tour which lasts six weeks.

"It is very important that everyone who is selected is not only a capable footballer but is very committed and enthusiastic, and therefore we have selected

ily the international end for Offiah. "I would never close the door on any player," he said. "That is not the way I work." Another possibility now, of course, is that Offiah will pursue international recog-nition in union. He left Rosslyn Park for league in

is no question that at 29 he is still good enough to score tries at the highest level.

The World Cup last year, when without him England Larder insisted, however, that this was not necessargot to the final against Australia, proved he is no indispensable, but ne has always been a potential match-winner for Great Britain since the first of his 38 appearances in 1968. His 1987 and has never made 26 Test tries have been betany secret of his disappointment at missing an (41) and Garry Schofield England union cap. There (31).



Without the right help David Gower might have ended up in court.

Well, that's where Dovid Gower was heading as a law student until samebody spotted a spark of talent. By supporting the Development of Execulance programms, NotWest is helping to identify, coach and develop today's bright young hopefuls, giving them the same chance to shine. Great news for English cricket, not so good for the opposition.

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# SportsGuardian

SURREY AND YORKSHIRE FAIL THEIR FINAL ENTRANCE EXAMS

NatWest Trophy, semi-finals: Surrey v Essex

# Departing Law lords it for Essex

Paul Weaver at The Oval

SSEX reached only their second final in the premier one day competition here yesterday as they destroyed a gifted Surrey side's hopes of a trable in the twilight of a south London

They won by four wickets with 20 balls remaining, after a determined seventh-wicket Irani (52) - who again showed his immense charac-ter, and struck Adam Hol-lioake through the covers for the winning boundary — and Robert Rollins (26).

But the foundation of their victory was a tortoise-and-hare stand of 96 in 16 overs between Stuart Law (53), who batted as if he had a plane to catch, and Graham Gooch (50). Law reached his balf-cen-tury from 38 balls; Gooch required 42 to get into double figures. But this match will performance of Chris Lewis, whose enigmatic career might be seen to be encapsu-lated by his performance

First he produced some

Sewlines Bicknell 12-1-33-1: Lewis

Surrey to a reasonable then he threw it all away with profligate figures of two for 71 and a plethora of wides and no-balls. He bowled seven wides, two of which went for four, and six no-balls.

Surrey, the 7-4 favourites yesterday morning to win this competition, had a couple of worries when the match started. One concerned the dire one-day form of Alec Stewart over the past two months, the other the ques-tionable fitness of Lewis, although a Lewis limp would test the finest of diagnosti-cians. In the event these two proved to be Surrey's major assets when they batted.

Stewart's current form proved more important than his patchy recent record in limited-overs cricket. He bat-ted throughout the innings and with much of the fluency he had shown in the Headingley Test last weekend He scored an unbeaten 125

which was to win him the Man of the Match award, and although an anchor role was largely thrust upon him by the fall of wickets at the other end he still faced only 186 balls; there were nine fours and two memorable sixes, both over long-off, against Law and Paul Grayson. Lewis faced 29 balls for his

45, with three languidly struck sixes. Surrey's total of 275 for five always looked 20 only an unbeaten partnership of 61 from the last 10 overs between these two batsmen which made it competitive. They resembled a 1500 metres runner who had left his dev astating sprint finish a little too late.

Surrey's problem is an enviable one but a problem nevertheless: they have so much heavy artillery that they have trouble wheeling it all to the

strikers will miss out. But their tactics yesterday were questionable. They did not lose a wicket until the 27th questionable. They did not build an innings. Shahid moury, those ground-to-air the gully, although given the lose a wicket until the 27th played well enough but his 25 missile launchers Alistair shortness and width of this occupied 18 overs, delaying Brown, Hollicake and Lewis, delivery Lewis's celebration other wide.

81. Yet at that stage they Thorpe's arrival until the was also delayed longer seemed a little excessive.

Nesser hissain was caught in fourist by the new batsman shortness and width of this delivery Lewis's celebration other wide.

At 188 for four in the 39th



When they bat well it is in-evitable that some of their Graham Thorpe who, even in his bustling, acquisitive way, needs time at the crease to

The unveiling of the mightiest weapons in Surrey's arMartin Bicknell, and at 32 Nassar Hussain was caught in

Gooch with a beauty, was immediately struck for two

batting with Darren Robinson he was offered the light by the

Aussies' bitter-sweet exit

plete when they learned that they faced a £4.520 fine for bowling too slowly. They umpires. He declined, and a were seven overs behind at short time afterwards he and the cut-off point and the fine Robinson were out in the will represent almost half same over. The width of his | their prize-money.

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Lancashire v Yorkshire

# Lloyd's name on Lancashire lips

David Hopps at Old Trafford

O EXPECT another Roses semi-final to co proved to be too But if yesterday's tie lacked a stirring climax, Lancashire's progress to their second Lord's final of the summer was achieved only after another contest over flowing with excitement.

After Lancashire's extraordinary last-ball win, by one wicket, against Yorkshire in the semi-final of the Benson and Hedges Cup, this 19 run success smacked of predict-ability. But only in the last 10 overs, after Yorkshire's pur-suit of 294 had collapsed with the loss of three wickets in nine balls, could Lancashire halted Yorkshire's challenge. At times his 85 from 110 balls was a faithful pursuit of victory, at others it had become a stubborn refusal to bow to advancing failure

While Bevan survived. Yorkshire lived and breathed. but when he clubbed Austin to Chapple at long-on, with 97 still needed off 11 overs, their task looked enormous. White's dismissal next ball — with Yates plucking a catch at short midwicket as brilliant as Gough's to dismiss Watkinson several hours earlier -

There are no half-measures

Home banker . . . Lloyd reverse-sweeps Yorkshire's Stemp to the boundary

It was the departure of his entire body as if deter-Michael Bevan, their inspira-tional Australian, which chance. If he straight drives, bluntly to the heavens. Last fearing that Yorkshire's season of promise was in ruins.

Lancashire deserved their day. Their seamers bowled more consistently, they had the edge in the field, especially in the deep, and in Gra-ham Lloyd, son of the England coach, they possessed the outstanding batsman. Lloyd's bold strokeplay, in making 81 from 90 deliveries, liberated Lancashire's in-nings after they had slipped proved terminal, pluckily as to 52 for three on a pitch that Blakey and Gough tried to seamed for an hour and

turned slowly all day.
This has been a vintage

skirmishes is now reflected in | Bevan to backward point, Be the one-day game which has produced two extraordinary matches relished by boisterous, near-capacity crowds. Memories of Yorkshire's B& H defeat had left their cap-tain, Byas, befuddled. In the

morning he twice dropped Atherton at second slip, fumbling to his right off Gough when the opener had made only a single, and Byas was bund wanting again a run later when Atherton edged Silverwood high above him.
Byas said nowt, but broke the speed record for gum chewing. speed record for gum cnewing.
Atherton struggled to assert himself, particularly against Gough, who had a point to prove about his England omission, and England's captain was also an innocent

Crawley's half-century was dmirably stylish, but it was Lloyd who made more impact. He announced his intentions by driving his second hall, from Stemp, down the ground, unveiled several modifications of the reverse sweep, and played forcibly against the seamers before backing a long hop from

van's left-arm Chinaman had also removed Crawley to McGrath's running catch at deep square leg; after catching three and dropping two, McGrath understood one-day cricket's capricious ways.

Byas arguably bowled Bevan, his sixth bowler, too long, and then entrusted the closing overs to the jaded Hartley. Watkinson and Hegg both hit about them in a manner to suggest that Lanca-shire were in the ascendency. Several hours later, they dared to believe it.

M A Attenton o Blakey is Stemp ...
J P Grawley o McGrath is Beyan ...
N H Fairbrother o McGrath is Stem
G D Lloyd o Silverwood is Beyan
"M Watkinson o Gough is Harrley
TW K Hago o McGrath is Gough ...
I D Auslin o Byas is Gough

Total for 9, 80 overs) 2232
Pall of wickehn 28, 52, 52, 197, 209, 262
289, 293, 293,
Bid not bett P J Martin,
Bousting: Gough 12-3-47-3; Silvervood
0-2-2-0; White 10-0-38-0; Hartin;
10-0-66-1; Stemp 12-1-55-2; Sevan

YORKSHERE
M D Moson Ibw b Yates
M P Vaughan e Gallian b Martin
D Byas c Gatilan b Watdraon
M G Bevan c Chapple b Austin
A McGrazh b Austin
C White C Valas b Austin
H J Biskey c Lloyd b Martin
D Bough c Chapple b Martin
J Harriey not ost
C E W Shrenwood not out
Evins (154, wd. nb2)

#### the most influential overcas player in the county were refusing to reveal the | fielding substitutes.

each insist that their Australian batsman has been

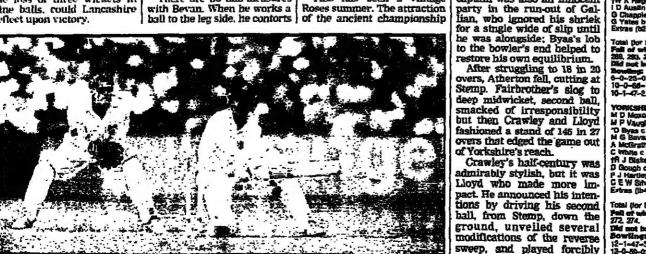
TUART LAW and game this season Law has cost of the hired belicopter Michael Bevan left struck 11 centuries for the Heathrow last night to NatWest finalists while Be Manchester to Heathrow. prepare in contrasting moods for Australia's tour van's outstanding, if temperamental, contributions have driven Yorkshire's esof Sri Lanks, writes David cape from three decades of under-achievement.

While Law hastened from second day, the TCCB had the Oval by car for the Brisbane flight. Yorkshire and Surrey would allow

Manchester to Heathrow. Not even Yorkshire's stingiest fan could object With the Australian board brooking no delays for semi-finals going into a

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Set by Araucaria



24 Unauthorised ratreat . . . (4)

Across 7 Without colour, being injured without pain (8)

9 19's calendar (6) 10 Edible part of Christmas pudding (4) 11 Kitte? (4,6)

12 19 a pound (a third of a University with castle in singular county on the East end of 19 (8)

15 Fine, maybe — the joke is 7 Produce face or fiction (4.2)

20 English relation with double part presided over the channel (8) 22 Remove the latt

particular (6) 23 Little money without down under (5.5)

up in 3, novelist (4,4,2) 3,19 Evolutionary source of 9 and 12 in evening dress on the grass outside house With mash (6,6)

25 ... with girl within call (6)

pole not long ago (8)

1 B side fiasco on foot (8)

2,8 Unfortunate fellow to be

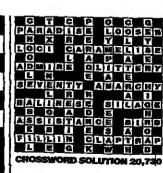
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26 Agreed to plece of wood as

4 Evening dress for a goer, first in Asian capital (8) Lofty old city, first to finish
 I wish you luck (3,3,4)

6 Flower arrangement? See if you can get there before! 8 See 2

13 Men to point out God (10) 16 Unstraightforward team methods (8)



18 Measure of acidity I shall use around the 'ouse, heard in 14 Square (8)

19 See 3

21 Guardian's party turned up first with perfumes (6) 22 French entertainer's lost heart through neglect (6) 24 Grass to be imitating (4)

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